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Subject: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

FOIPA No. 1005127- 000

Dear Requester:

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202 **page(s)** were reviewed and 200 **page(s)** are being released.

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☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

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Dear [redacted]

You will find enclosed a brief prospectus which has just been issued by YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM. I commend it to you for your sympathetic reading.

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM was organized at a Conference held in Sharon, Connecticut early last month by a group of young men and women from some 44 colleges and universities. These young people met together to found an organization which will stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among America's youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena. I am gratified that [redacted] serves as one of the National Directors. I firmly believe that, given the wherewithal, these young people can make a substantial and valuable impact on the Nation and the times.

It is to the question of "wherewithal" to which I address myself. Americans of my generation do not have much to be proud of. Although many of us have fought the good fight, we have neither succeeded in stemming the encroachments of socialism and federal control nor the creeping and concurrent cancer of national demoralization. If our Nation is to be saved and kept along the road outlined by the Founding Fathers, it is the young people of America who must do it. The very least we can do is to help them in every way we can: by moral encouragement and, even more important, through our financial support. b7C

The Officers and Directors of YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM have asked me to help enlist such financial support. I am privileged to do so. With this letter, therefore, I cordially invite you to join with me as a member of the National Advisory Committee of YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM by completing the enclosed form and enclosing the maximum sum you are able to make available. Your reply should be sent to the National Headquarters of YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM.

I thank you for your consideration and hope that we may count on your help.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Herbert V. Kohler
National Advisory Committee
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
343 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, New York

Mr. Herbert V. Kohler
National Advisory Committee
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
343 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Kohler:

I am pleased to join with you as a member of the National Advisory Committee of YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM and enclose my check for:

Individual Founding Member $500..... Individual Associate Member $100.....

Individual Sustaining Member $250..... Individual Regular Member $ 50.....

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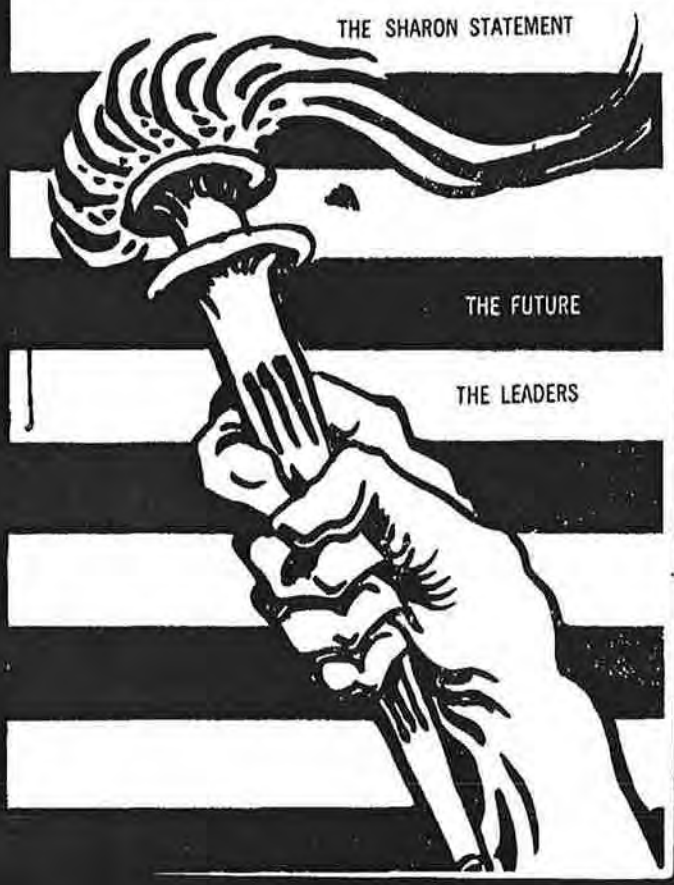
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

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THE NEED

Americans stand at a crossroads today, and face a question of immense importance. Shall they retain their heritage of freedom—a heritage made possible through the observance of limited government, private enterprise, and a morality based on eternal truths and principles? Or shall they turn to one of the various systems of collectivism—systems which deny morality and truth, systems which have destroyed the freedom of peoples throughout the world?

The answer lies with the youth of America. It is the youth who must shoulder the burdens imposed by the mistakes of the past, and it is the youth who will be responsible for the future. With the very survival of their nation and their freedom at stake, the youth of America must participate more than ever before in the political life of their nation.

As we look at America today, and particularly at its young people, we note the resurgence of an active and articulate Conservatism. The collectivisms of an earlier day—disguised as "liberalism," and implemented in the New Deal, the Fair Deal and the Square Deal—have lost their lustre and attraction. Only the diehards, the misinformed and the blind continue to follow those banners today.

Today's students and young people are rebelling against the uniformity, the false security, the infringements upon their liberty which all collectivist systems demand. The new youth of America recognize that collectivism is alien to the heritage of the West, and they are looking for ways to express their Conservatism in direct political action.

It was to provide the youth of America with such a means of Conservative action that the Sharon Conference was called and Young Americans For Freedom established.

THE SHARON CONFERENCE

Young Americans For Freedom was born at a national conference of Conservative student and youth leaders, held in Sharon, Connecticut, on September 9-11, 1960. Preliminary arrangements had been made by an Interim Committee of thirteen students from all sections of the country.

The Sharon Conference was organized and conducted entirely by youth. Its discussions, deliberations and decisions were carried out by youth. More than 100 young people, representing 44 colleges and universities and a majority of the states of the union were in attendance.

Committees on By-Laws, nominations and the Sharon Statement were appointed. Ideas experiences, philosophy and proposed action were submitted and discussed by panels and by the group as a whole. The tremendous organizing task was accomplished in two days, and the Conference

1) adopted the Sharon Statement,

which outlines the beliefs and purposes of Young Americans For Freedom;

2) adopted By-Laws which provided the firm organizational basis necessary for a youth group with nationwide scope and activities; and

3) elected officers and directors, representing the best of Conservative leadership among the youth of America.

THE SHARON STATEMENT

Adopted by
the Young Americans for Freedom
in conference at Sharon, Conn.,
September 9-11, 1960

IN THIS TIME of moral and political crisis, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to affirm certain eternal truths.

We, as young conservatives, believe:

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;

That the purposes of government are to protect these freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power which tends to diminish order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution—the division of powers—is summed up in the clause

which reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal Government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human needs,

That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both;

That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens concertedly defend their rights against all enemies;

That the forces of international Communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to these liberties;

That the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace; and

That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: does it serve the just interests of the United States?

THE FUTURE

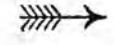
We have briefly outlined the background of Young Americans For Freedom—the need, the conference, the Sharon Statement and the leaders. Combined, they are the basis of a new movement which will stimulate the youth of the country toward Conservative principles and, by the same token,

mobilize American youth toward political and social action in support of these principles. *Action* is, perhaps, the key word and the underlying motivation of Young Americans For Freedom.

There are other youth organizations dedicated to Conservative principles that may command the cooperation of American youth. Some of these are national in scope. Others are local or restricted to a specific campus. However, there is no single youth organization except for Young Americans For Freedom which is totally dedicated to youth political action based on Conservative principles.

The primary and immediate task of Young Americans For Freedom is to enlist members from every campus and from every community. Through the enlistment of membership, chapters will be organized on the campus and in the community. Their programs will be developed under local conditions and toward achievement of local Conservative objectives. We are a grass-roots youth movement. The stimuli and the action must come from the grass-roots, rather than from the top.

The national headquarters of Young Americans For Freedom, under the direction of our officers and directors, will assist and help implement local activities insofar as is possible. From time to time, specific national objectives will be formulated and the national membership and local chapters will be asked to cooperate. The times and the issues at stake will develop our program and guide the future activities of Young Americans For Freedom. The one major objective of the organization will be to do all within our power—through youth action—to realize the great principles outlined in the Sharon Statement.



To this end, we call on all young Americans who support the Sharon Statement, and the historic principles upon which it is based, to join with us and work with us so that we may accept our share in the great responsibilities which face our nation today.

THE LEADERS

Chairman

ROBERT M. SCHUCHMAN
YALE LAW SCHOOL

National Director

DOUGLAS CADDY
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

Regional Chairmen

Northeast
RICHARD COWAN
YALE UNIVERSITY

Central Atlantic
ROBERT HARLEY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

South
GEORGE GAINES
TULANE UNIVERSITY

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PATAGONIA, ARIZONA

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RICHARD NOBLE
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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
343 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.
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November 14, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 2, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to issue clearances and furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I trust you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 - New York

NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK

Correspondent requested to be advised if Young Americans for Freedom is on the level or is a communist organization. The enclosed material solicited her membership in the organization located at 343 Lexington Avenue, New York 16, New York. This material indicates it is an organization which was created at a conference of conservative student and youth leaders which was held in Sharon, Connecticut, September 9-11, 1960. The organization

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NOTE TO NEW YORK, CONTINUED

contemplates becoming a nationwide group "to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among American youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena." In "The Sharon Statement," adopted at the above organizing convention, it cites international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or the Young Americans for Freedom.

This data is furnished for your information in the event the group has not previously come to your attention.

While the material submitted does not indicate this group is a subversive organization, you should check your files for any information concerning this organization. In the event you have any derogatory information or receive such information in the future, you should so advise the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Indecipherable part of correspondent's address not included in Bulet. Address used appears to be sufficient to reach her.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Jan. 9, 1961

FROM : SAC, Denver (100-0)

SUBJECT: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Established source, [redacted] University of Colorado, advised on January 4, 1961, that efforts are being made to establish subject organization on the University campus. He advises he heard rumors that this group may be an anarchist group; that its [redacted] a Yale student; and that the group has indicated anti-FBI attitude.

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Bureau advise any background and/or derogatory information available Bureau files re this organization.

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F.B.I.

Dear Sir:

Is this on the level, or is it one of those traps - You sign them find your self connected with the communists

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted] b7C

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SAC, Denver (100-0) January 23, 1961

Director, FBI (100-434616)

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

[redacted]
DATE 1-19-93 1048vmcim

Bourlet 1-9-61 wherein you request available background and/or derogatory information regarding the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) inasmuch as efforts were being made to establish this organization on the University of Colorado campus.

Bufiles contain a booklet issued by the YAFF which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative student and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, 9/9-11/60. This conference issued "The Sharon Statement," adopted by the YAFF which states in part "that the forces of international communism are, at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over rather than coexistence with this (communist) menace;...."

[redacted]

This booklet also states that the primary and immediate task of the YAFF is to enlist members from every campus and from every community. It continues that through the enlistment of membership, chapters will be organized on the campuses and in the communities whose programs will be developed under local conditions and toward achievement of local conservative objectives.

This booklet reveals that Robert M. Schuchman, Yale Law School, is the National Chairman, and James Tolbe, Patagonia, Arizona, is the Southwest Regional Chairman. Headquarters of the organization are located at 343 Lexington Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization. In the event you receive any derogatory information concerning the YAFF in the future, you should advise the Bureau.

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January 11, 1961.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 1-14-93 BY 10JB DKMCLM

Dear Sirs:

I am seeking information about the organization,

Young Americans For Freedom, 343 Lexington Ave.,

New York 16, N. Y. Is or is not this organization

Communist controlled?

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter dated January 11, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to issue clearances or furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 9
JAN 26 1961
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires whether Young Americans for Freedom, New York City, is or is not communist controlled.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent. The only identifiable information in Bufiles concerning Young Americans for Freedom is the receipt of an inquiry concerning this organization from a correspondent in November, 1960. Material which that individual enclosed from the organization solicited membership and indicated it had been created at a conference of conservative student and youth leaders held in Sharon, Connecticut, in September, 1960. The organization contemplates

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becoming a nationwide group "to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among American youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena." In "The Sharon Statement," adopted at the above organizing convention, it cites international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

February 17, 1961

[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently I have become affiliated with an organization known as the Young Americans for Freedom and am an officer in the local chapter. Yesterday I was informed by someone that it is on the F.B.I.'s list of subversive organizations. Naturally I would not have joined an organization knowing it was subversive. Since this doubt has been raised in my mind I would like to get any and all information available if it can be obtained.

I would also like for you to either deny or affirm that this movement is on the list of subversive organizations. If it is on this list, I would like to know exactly what actions or conditions led to this. Also if being placed on this list, if it is, was due partially or wholly to its affiliation or connection to other groups or individuals classified as subversive I would like to know who they are and why they were classified as subversive. b7C

I shall appreciate any help you can give me and shall eagerly await a reply. I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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February 27, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 20, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, I would like to advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations of any type. We do not, therefore, issue lists of subversive organizations. It is suggested that you direct your inquiry in this regard to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain information regarding the organization you mentioned.

Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. This conference issued a statement which stated in part "that the forces of international communism are at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this (communist) menace..." Its task is to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objectives. Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization.

4-572 (Rev. 2-19-60)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2-20-61

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A1030-A1031. Congressman Pelly, (R) Washington, submitted an article entitled "The HUAC Issue, Communism and Nebraska University," sent to him by L. Jack Allen, Nebraska chairman, Young Americans for Freedom. Mr. Pelly advised that he thought this points up the need to fully inform our university students about communism and Communist tactics. The article gives details on the student demonstrations and attacks on the House Un-American Activities Committee. The article states "Progressive education from grade school through college has done so much to weaken and destroy the Americanism of our Nation's youth that it was to be expected that many young people would join the drive on HUAC." Mr. Allen comments on the interview of students by a reporter, Mr. Al Frisbie, from the Omaha World-Herald, after the showing of the film "Operation Abolition." Mr. Frisbie reported the following: "Most of these students believed the House committee should be abolished. Several also wanted to abolish the Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee. An unusually large number wanted the FBI abolished. One boy said the FBI reminds him of Hitler's gestapo. ---- Considering the serious nature of the film's topic I was shocked at the constant laughing during the film's showings. Apparently a majority of the students thought they were watching a slapstick comedy."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-17-61 (D) was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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February 16, 1961

Mr. Tolson
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-19-93 BY 1048 Schwartz

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am [redacted] in Eureka, Illinois. Recently I have become greatly concerned over the extent of Communist penetration throughout the world, and particularly in the United States. I have read many of the pamphlets published by the House Un-American Activities committee and many by Dr. Fred Schwartz. I have also read your book, Masters of Deciet, and others concerning Communism.

What prompts me to write to you are two pamphlets which I recently read, which brought to mind two questions, the first, How can I know what is Communist propaganda? and secondly, How can I identify Communist front organizations?

The first of these pamphlets, which I am enclosing and which I would like your opinion as to whether or not it is Communist propaganda is published by the D. C. Heath Company, a school textbook firm. The article in this pamphlet, "A Look at Polish Education, written by Ralph C. Preston, appears to me to be nothing short of Communist propaganda. If you can find the time, would you read this article and answer the following questions for me: (1) Is this Communist propaganda? (2) Is Ralph C. Preston a Communist, fellow traveler, or a dupe of the Communists? (3) Is there any record of Communists in the D. C. Heath publishing company?

The second pamphlet which concerns me is one published by "Young Americans for Freedom", with national headquarters at 343 Lexington Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.. What I would like to know is whether or not this organization is a legitimate organization of American youth to fight Communism or another Communist front organization?

Please allow me to thank you for the time you may take from your busy schedule to answer my questions.

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Sincerely yours,

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434669) (100-432613)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-142201) (100-140378)

SUBJECT: NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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YOUTH TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning planned activity of above groups for 3/3/61.

Source of information is [redacted] (S)

Subversive Organization Characterizations are not attached since Bureau approval is being awaited for those submitted.

NYCPD has been advised of the demonstration as set forth in enclosed. Any further pertinent information received on this matter will promptly be furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, N. Y.
February 28, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
100-434663
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RE: NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

YOUTH TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on February 28, 1961, a flyer identified as being issued by captioned groups.

This flyer reads as follows:

"A C T I O N B U L L E T I N

"On Friday, March 3rd, the House Un-American Activities Committee is being presented with an award by the Young Americans for Freedom at a rally at Manhattan Center.

"At a time when opposition to the Committee is mounting throughout the country, it is essential that each of us fighting for abolition show that we will not sit idly by as HUAC is being rewarded for its outrageous and unconstitutional activities.

"JOIN WITH STUDENTS AND ADULTS FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 7 P.M.
at MANHATTAN CENTER, 34th Street and 8th Avenue.

"PICKET SIGNS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE LINE BY THE PICKET CAPTAINS.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Re: New York Council to Abolish the
Un-American Activities Committee

Youth to Abolish the Un-American
Activities

"DRESS APPROPRIATELY. GIRLS: PLEASE NO SNEAKERS, SLACKS, SNEAKERS OR LEOTARDS.

"BEHAVIOR* AS IN THE PAST OUR LINE WILL BE DIGNIFIED. We will not play into the Committee's hands by being provoked into disorderly behavior or acts of violence.

"ATTENTION: AS WE ARE WRITING THIS BULLETIN WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS REACHED A DECISION IN CARL BRADEN AND FRANK WILKINSON'S CASES. BOTH OF THESE MEN WILL SPEND A YEAR OF THEIR LIVES IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY DARED TO BELIEVE IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT. THIS DECISION AND THE LOSS FOR A YEAR OF TWO OF THE MOST DEVOTED AND LOVED FIGHTERS FOR ABOLITION SHOULD GIVE EACH OF US ADDED IMPETUS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT UNTIL THE HUAC--THE MENACE TRAMPLING ON THE LIVES OF AMERICANS AND ON OUR CONSTITUTION** IS ABOLISHED."

100-434516

February 24, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 16, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (8)
17th National Convention and 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech of 10-3-60
Director's speech of 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. He enclosed a pamphlet, "The Packet," published by D. C. Heath and Company, which contained the article, "A Look at Polish Education," by Ralph C. Preston. Based on limited information furnished, Ralph C. Preston is not identifiable in Bureau files. We have no information concerning this article and no information identifiable with "The Packet." Dr. Beryl Parker is one of the editors of D. C. Heath and Company. She has been active in the League of American Writers (cited by the Attorney General), has been associated with a union reportedly heavily infiltrated by communists, has openly discussed the advantages of communism, and has appeared on the mailing list of the Communist Party in Boston. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning "Young Americans for Freedom." This organization is on record as favoring the promotion of the conservative spirit among American youth in the political and social arena, and has cited international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty. Dr. Fred Schwartz is affiliated with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. The observations has been made by a Special Agent of the FBI that Schwartz may be attempting to capitalize on various anticommunist rallies with the purpose of promoting and selling literature which he has written.

[redacted]

March 7, 1961

Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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DATE 1-19-93 BY 10480 RMM GUM

Dear Sir;

I have recently come in contact with an organization named the Young Americans for Freedom. Two friends and I have been considering joining this group. I was most distressed to hear one of our campus student leaders making the accusation that it was anti-Semitic and being used as a communist front organization. This statement has stimulated me to investigate this organization further before taking any steps toward membership. b7C

I have every reason to believe that this organization is as it appears, very definitely anticommunist and seeking to dissolve communist inroads to our democracy. However, I would like final confirmation of my belief. For this reason, would you please send me information the Bureau has concerning the Young Americans for Freedom.

Your early attention would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

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DATE 1-19-93 BY 10180DMCAM

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
LEB Intro, 3-60, Analysis of 17th Natl Conv, CP, USA
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. This conference issued a statement which stated in part "that the forces of international communism are at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this (communist) menace..." Its task is to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objectives. Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization.

March 10, 1961

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Dept. of Public Information
Washington, D. C.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-19-93 BY 1048DIEM6Lm

Dear Sir:

I am interested in the professed goals of a local organization called Young Americans for Freedom. This organization has been linked with the John Birch Society, which has been labeled "communist" and "fascist." I am aware that communist front organizations often assume patriotic ideals, names, and slogans, and so am reticent concerning any affiliation with this group.

Young Americans for Freedom was organized at a national conference of conservative student and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, on September 9-11, 1960.

Would you please send whatever information is available concerning the above organizations and their mutual relationship. If such action is beyond the province of your office, please tell me how I may obtain this information.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 13, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI, as a Federal investigative agency, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Press Release 12-22-60
How to Beat Communism
How to Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
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Letter to [redacted] b7C

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning "Young Americans for Freedom." This organization is on record as favoring the promotion of conservative spirit among American youth in the political and social arena and has cited international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty. It was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, in September, 1960. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. (100-434516)

The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist group headed by Robert Welch who has expressed the thought that he believes organizing a group having the appearance of a communist front might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-17-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DAVID FRANKE, CHAIRMAN
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF)

The attached clipping from the 3-15-61 issue of the "New York Journal American" reflects that the YAF, a fast-growing organization of young conservatives, is taking issue with the Peace Corps as presented by President Kennedy. The YAF plans to send a petition to its 21,000 college and university members objecting to what they term the President's "crash program."

B. APPROX.

YAF Chairman, David Franke [redacted] points out that these young Americans abroad are not under diplomatic immunity or the uniform code of military justice. Franke feels that they will need more training, particularly in communist propaganda and in non-military tactics. b7C

The article related that this is the third important project in which this group, growing in prominence and prestige, has taken an active part. A few weeks ago, the YAF exhibited the HCUA film "Operation Abolition" in a theater in downtown New York City, to sell-out crowds. A few nights later, at Manhattan Center YAF bestowed awards for patriotic service on such prominent conservatives as Admiral Lewis Strauss, George Sokolsky and others.

Mr. Tolson instructed that the attached clipping be filed and inquired what we know about Franke.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

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There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with Franke and there is no derogatory information in file concerning the YAF. The YAF was organized at a conference held in Connecticut in September, 1960, which was attended by a group of young men and women from 44 colleges and universities throughout the country. The purpose of the YAF is to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among America's youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena.

Enclosure

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By letter 11-2-60, Charles Edison, former Governor of New Jersey and former Assistant Secretary of the Navy with whom we have had prior cordial correspondence, invited the Director to join as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the YAF. The Director wrote Edison on 11-14-60 and declined this thoughtful invitation since the pressure of official duties precluded Mr. Hoover's active participation in the group's activities. (62-52702-43)

It is noted that in January, 1961, a group of YAF students in Northwestern University picketed a theater where the movie "Spartacus" was being shown. This group objected to the work of Dalton Trumbo, a Hollywood script writer and one of the "Hollywood Ten," being used in the film. This group also defended the activities of the HCUA in a debate with an anti-HCUA group which was formed on the campus. (100-434582)

In his column of 3-9-61, George Sokolsky paid tribute to the spirit and determination of the YAF. He pointed out that this movement is "ablaze among college students" who recognized they will have to bear the burden of the enormous debt we are piling up.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES SPEAK OUT

Urge Anti-Red Training For New Peace Corps

By MARJORIE FARNSWORTH

Young Americans for Freedom, a fast-growing organization of young conservatives, is taking issue with the Peace Corps as presented by President Kennedy.

A petition will be mailed to YAF's 21,000 college and university members as an objection to what they term the President's "crash program."

"Basically the Peace Corps is a good idea," said David Franke, 23, chairman of YAF's Greater Council and board director. "I am going to propose that the Peace Corps be placed under the proposed Freedom Commission and that the young Americans who will be sent abroad be graduates of the Freedom Academy."

BILL IN COMMITTEE

The Freedom Commission bill was introduced by Sen. Mundt (R.-S. Dak.) with 11 co-sponsors at the last session of Congress. It passed the Senate and is now in committee hearings.

The Academy will be agovernment-sponsored school which will train key Americans in methods of propaganda and non-military war fare.

"As the Peace Corps stands now, these young Americans abroad won't be under diplomatic immunity or the uniform code of military justice which protects military personnel," Mr. Franke continued. "They'll need more training than is outlined in this crash program.

SEES NEED FOR TRAINING

"They need training in Communist propaganda and in non-military tactics. They'll come up against people who have been well-trained in Communist schools. If they're not equipped to meet them, it's better not to send our young people. It could only hurt our country."

This is the third important project in which this nine-month-old group, growing in prominence and prestige, has taken an active part.



DAVID FRANKE
"Train Peace Corps"

A few weeks ago they exhibited "Operation Abolition," the anti-Communist movie circulated by the House Committee on Un-American Activities at the One Sheridan Square Theatre. The theatre was packed and lines formed outside hoping to get in.

AWARDS BESTOWED

A few nights later, at Manhattan Center, YAF bestowed a number of awards for patriotic service on such prominent conservatives as Adm. Lewis Strauss, National Review editor William Buckley Jr., columnist George Sokolsky and others. The Center was crowded and 5,000 young Americans filled the street but couldn't get in."

"Why did we form Young Americans for Freedom," Mr. Franke asked. "Read this and you'll have part of the answer."

He tossed the first copy of their monthly magazine, "The New Guard," across the desk. It read:

"The youth of America . . . We are sick unto death of collectivism, socialism, statism and other utopian isms which have poisoned the minds, weakened the wills and smothered the spirits of Americans for three decades and more . . . We will uphold Man's God-given free will, the interdependence of economic and political freedom, and the need for enlightened self-interest in foreign policy."

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N.Y. Journal American
March 15, 1961

March 20, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I attended a meeting of the Young Americans for Freedom organization in Santa Ana, California last week and left there feeling very enthused about the group.

However, before I join their organization, I would like some assurance that this is not a subversive faction, and would like an expression of your opinion of this group.

I called the local (Los Angeles) office of the FBI and spoke to one of the agents there regarding this matter and he stated that it was against the law for him to divulge information regarding any organization, one way or the other.

How can a person be sure that he or she is not getting involved in a Communist-dominated outfit?

Your opinion regarding the above will be greatly appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated March 20, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

Your desire to know more about the organizations to which you give your support is understandable; however, I trust you can appreciate my inability to be of assistance in this regard. The prescribed functions of the FBI as an investigative agency do not permit this Bureau to draw conclusions or make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any organization or individual. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing some literature which you may wish to read.

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Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

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The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
2. "Communist Target - Youth"
3. "Breaking the Communist Spell"
4. "Communism and the College Student"
5. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

March 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: b7C

Attached is a thermofax copy of a letter from [redacted] University of Idaho, requesting information as to the organization known as the Young Americans for Freedom.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will advise me in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Dworshak

Henry Dworshak
United States Senator

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CORRESPONDENCE

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March 30, 1961

SEC-84 43456

Honorable Henry C. Dworshak
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

EX 104

1-19-93 1048 DICMGCM

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of March 27, 1961, with enclosure, regarding the inquiry from [redacted] with respect to the organization, Young Americans for Freedom. b7C

While I do wish it were possible to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. For your information, this organization has never been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. Of course, this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by this Bureau. I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which your constituent may like to have.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target - Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Series from "Christianity Today"

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted] Senator Dworshak is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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[redacted] b7C

March 20, 1961

Honorable Henry Dworshak
Senator from Idaho
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I received some literature from the Young Americans for Freedom of 55 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York [illegible], New York, which is reportedly a new youth anti-communist conservative organization.

Besides myself, several officers in the University of Idaho Young Republicans have received similar literature. We were wondering if you could check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee or some other agency and let us know if this organization is legitimate and not communist controlled.

This was the same organization which demonstrated in favor of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and held a rally for Senator Goldwater.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-19-93 BY 1048 ovm/cem

Dear Sir:

We have been studying communism and have been showing the filmstrip "Communism on the Map." We feel we could accomplish more good in fighting communism if we joined an organization.

We have heard about an organization called "Young Americans for Freedom" and it seems to be an organization in line with our thinking. But, we want to assure ourselves that it is not a communist front organization. Could you give us some information on it? Thank you very much.

We appreciate all you and the F.B.I. are doing to preserve our freedom. We just hope we can do a small part to help you.

Sincerely

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March 31, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

The letter from you and your husband dated March 22, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is deeply appreciated. I am enclosing some material concerning the communist menace which you may want to read.

While I would like to be of service to you in connection with the organization about which you inquired, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Young Americans for Freedom, however, has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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How To Beat Communism
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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning "Young Americans for Freedom." This organization is on record as favoring the promotion of conservative spirit among American youth in the political and social arena and has cited international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty. It was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut in September, 1961. It has not been investigated by this Bureau. (100-434516) It is noted, however, that according to an article in the March 15, 1961 issue of the "Journal-American," this organization has taken issue with President Kennedy's Peace Corps program.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-433447) DATE: 3/22/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59609)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IS - C

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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 1/31/61.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 2/13/61.

For the information of those offices who did not receive a copy of Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated January 31, 1961, it should be noted that [redacted] on January 25, 1961, advised that new groups which are local origin, are being or have been organized throughout the United States for the purpose of working for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) under the close supervision and guidance of the NCAUAC. b2 b7D

The Bureau by letter dated February 13, 1961, instructed the Los Angeles Office to furnish a listing of such groups which had recently been organized for the purpose of advocating the abolition of the HCUA. In this connection, a review of the file regarding captioned organization has been made and the following organizations, all connected with the abolition campaign, are identified herewith:

Sarah Lawrence College to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee

New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee

Baltimore Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, aka.

Third District Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

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(1 - Baltimore Committee to Preserve American Freedoms)(100-22030)(Bufile 100-433541)
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(1 - University of Chicago Committee to Abolish the HCUA, now known as University of Chicago Students for Civil Liberties Union)(100-37867) (Bufile 100-434301)
(1 - Chicago Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee - Roosevelt University)
(1 - Young Americans for Freedom, Northwestern University)
(1 - McCormick Theological (Presbyterian) Abolition Committee)
(1 - Northwestern University, Chicago Chapter of the Students Committee to Abolish the HUAC)
2 - INDIANAPOLIS (REGISTERED)
(1 - Third District Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights)(100-12727)
2 - MILWAUKEE (REGISTERED)
(1 - Wisconsin Committee for Constitutional Freedom) (100-13555)(Bufile 100-433586)
4 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED)
(1 - Sarah Lawrence College to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee)
(1 - New York Council to Abolish the HUAC) (100-142201)(Bufile 100-434663)
(1 - Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee) (100-140878)(Bufile 100-432613)
3 - PHILADELPHIA (REGISTERED)
(2 - Philadelphia Civil Liberties Forum) (100-45277)(100-45281)(Bufile 100-434282)
3 - SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)
(1 - East Bay Forum)(1 - Bay Area Students Committee to Abolish the HUAC)
2 - ST. LOUIS (REGISTERED)
(1 - The Political Forum)(100-18191)
2 - WASHINGTON FIELD (REGISTERED)
(1 - Washington Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee)(100-38487)
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Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee

University of Chicago Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, now known as University of Chicago Students for Civil Liberties Union

Chicago Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee - Roosevelt University

McCormick Theological (Presbyterian) Abolition Committee (This committee was apparently organized in January, 1961. Its current status is unknown to Los Angeles.)

Northwestern University, Chicago Chapter of the Students Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee

Philadelphia Civil Liberties Forum

Wisconsin Committee for Constitutional Freedom

Young Americans for Freedom

East Bay Forum (San Francisco)

The Political Forum (Washington University graduate students, St. Louis, Missouri)

Bay Area Students Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee

Washington Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (Washington, D. C.)

The Los Angeles Division is not in a position to state categorically that all of the organizations here and before listed were instigated wholly through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary, Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, and Field Representative, NCAUAC, but there is some evidence to indicate that the organizations were or are in some way interested in or influenced by the NCAUAC. Some of the organizations enumerated are "going concerns", whereas some of the organizations named are probably defunct at this time.

On March 9, 1961, [redacted] furnished a new prospectus of the NCAUAC captioned "National Abolition Campaign Program (3/61 to 3/62)." According to the informant, this program was prepared principally by FRANK WILKINSON. On page 4 under the caption "Other Program Recommendations," there is set forth the following: b2 b7D

> Student Abolition Committees: There are now abolition committees on a score or more college and university campuses. The NCAUAC will continue to provide literature, speakers and every other possible assistance requested by the various student groups. While the spontaneous nature of this student concern in the abolition of the HUAC is undoubtedly its most significant and valuable characteristic, it is important that the various student abolition groups find the means to coordinate their activities, exhange information of their experience, etc.
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> In this regard, student groups in Washington, D. C. have considered a national student conference on abolition of the HUAC; the New York Youth to Abolish the HUAC Committee is preparing a summary of known information regarding student activity in this field - for national distribution to student groups and editors; the National Student Association has conducted a 6 Region, 100 college-university conference-discussion, which included a study of the HUAC; etc. The NCAUAC will continue to include editorials and resolutions from student groups in the "Collection of Editorials and Resolutions in Opposition to the HUAC."

In the prospectus under the paragraph captioned "National Coordination: NCAUAC Relations to Abolition Committees," there is set forth this information:

> Local Abolition Committees: It is proposed that as many local abolition committees as possible be established throughout the country - undertaking as much as possible of the above program recommendations. These committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with the NCAUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

The prospectus then sets out the names of three organizations in charge of regional coordination to, in WILKINSON's words, insure maximum efficiency and economy. These organizations are:

New York Council to Abolish the HUAC
Room No. 442, 150 West 34th Street, New York City 1,
telephone PE 6-3228.
This committee will be responsible for coordinating activities on the Atlantic Coast;

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights,
Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois,
telephone DE 2-7142.
This committee will be the coordination organization for the Mid-West;

Los Angeles Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, 617 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles,
telephone HOllywood 2-1329.
This organization shall be responsible for coordinating activities on the West Coast.

Every effort is and will be made to insure that the Bureau will be kept fully cognizant of the formation of new committees whose purpose is to fight for the abolition of the HCUA.

Offices receiving a copy of this communication should advise the Bureau of the current status of those organizations wherein some doubt may exist as to their current status.

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Orig [redacted] Los Angeles
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SAC, Los Angeles

April 11, 1961

Director, FBI (100-434516)

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
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1048 Enclosure

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 3/22/61 captioned "National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee" (NCAUAC), copies of which were designated for the Chicago Office, one being designated for Chicago file on Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF), Northwestern University.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office YAFF was established at a national conference of conservative student and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, 9/9-11/60. This conference issued "The Sharon Statement," adopted by the YAFF, which states in part "that the forces of international communism are, at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over rather than coexistence with this (communist) menace. . . ." Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization but, in fact, its members have expressed the view that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) should be continued and not abolished. The national headquarters of YAFF is located at 343 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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From information in Bufiles and the pro-HCUA attitude of YAFF it would appear that this group is not affiliated with the NCAUAC and unless Chicago and Los Angeles have additional information indicating that it is an affiliate of NCAUAC no investigation is deemed warranted. In the event Los Angeles or Chicago has additional information indicating that the YAFF at Northwestern University is affiliated with NCAUAC and its activities warrant further investigation the Bureau should be promptly notified and furnished with a summary of pertinent information together with a recommendation concerning further investigation.

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TEENS TELLING TEENS — IN YFC THE — DECADE OF DESTINY

[redacted] -o- NORWICH, CONN.

[redacted]

April 7th, '61

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Gentelmen:

Recently I saw an article in a publication referring to an organization of 'interested citizens' who now call themselves the "Young Americans for Freedom".

[redacted] I wrote to them some time ago and yesterday i received a letter from them inviting me to participate in their organizational program.

I am enclosing the letter that you might see it, however, the purpose for my writing to you is to clear the organization as subversive or O.K. It seems a shame that in the greatest country in the world one has to eye every new organization with an eye of suspicion, but it seems to be so.

Also: when at Youth for Christ directors school in Feb '59 during the course we were told that the F.B.I. put out bulletins concerning their activities and data that could be of some value to us in this work in as much as we have a dept. known as the 'Life-Line' program - working with the police - courts - and school depts. as well as directly with the Delinquent and potential J.D.

If this is still so I would appreciate it very much if my name could be added to such a mailing list.

Thanking you in advance for your courteous consideration of both of the above matters I remain sincerely grateful,

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nmt ack'd 4-18-61 Would you be so kind as to return the Enclosed letter, [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

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April 14, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 7, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated. With regard to your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data concerning the group you mentioned.

Enclosed is material pertaining to the subject of youthful criminality, which you may wish to read. We do not, however, have a mailing list for the distribution of this material. The letter and self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully enclosed are being returned.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency
We Must Choose Between Discipline and Barbarism
What Can WE Do About "Delinquency"?

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Note Continued: Bufiles 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. Its tasks is to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objections. It is noted, however, that according to an article in the March 15, 1961 issue of the "Journal-American", this organization has taken issue with President Kennedy's Peace Corps program. The Bureau has not investigated Youth for Christ and we have exchanged cordial correspondence with its officials.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 13, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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The Los Angeles Office by airtel 4/10/61 furnished the following information.

A representative of the District Attorney's Office, Santa Barbara, California, confidentially advised on 4/1/61 that [redacted] "Santa Barbara News-Press," requested assistance of [redacted] to tape a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] on 3/31/61. The mike was to be placed in a room with the consent of the holder of the room. The [redacted] b7C b7D

According to the representative from the [redacted] at the University of California at Santa Barbara; was working with the "News-Press" in this matter; and had become an officer in the Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of YAF at the University of California at Santa Barbara. [redacted] admits being a member of the Santa Barbara Civil Liberties Committee (SBCLC) and is reportedly in liaison with a similar committee at the University of California at Berkeley.

The Freedom Club and the SBCLC are off-campus student groups, the former reportedly extremely conservative and the latter interested in abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
62-104401

On 4/10/61 [redacted] was called to the office of T. M. Storke, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," and introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired a one-hour taped interview with the [redacted] regarding the interest of his office in the JBS, apparently to show some connection between the Freedom Clubs and JBS. [redacted] advised that CBS is planning a one-hour show on 4/20/61 concerning this matter and JBS.

Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives were interviewing [redacted] along similar lines and that the "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front-page story on 4/7/61 reflecting [redacted] infiltration of the Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

The representative in the District Attorney's Office advised that [redacted] taped admissions regarding his position with the JBS may possibly be published in "Life Magazine." b7C

The representative in the District Attorney's Office advised that his information was furnished the FBI upon instructions of the District Attorney but requested the facts concerning the taped recording and giving of information by the District Attorney's Office be treated in confidence.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES

There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with [redacted] and SBCLC and there is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning the YAF. The YAF was organized at a conference held in Connecticut in September, 1960, which was attended by a group of young men and women from 44 colleges and universities throughout the country. The purpose of the YAF is to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among America's youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena.

Bufiles indicate T. M. Storke was a former U. S. Senator, by appointment, from California from 1938 to 1939. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning Storke.

Bufile 140-20736 contains information possibly identical with [redacted] In 1959 a Security of Government Employees investigation was conducted on [redacted] a consultant for a Veterans Administration Hospital, Oakland, California, based on allegations that [redacted] name appeared on the letterhead of "Medical

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Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy" as of 10/15/37 and that the "Daily People's World" in 1938 indicated [redacted] contributed toward purchase of an ambulance in aid of Spanish loyalists. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] had a son whose name was legally changed to [redacted] and who in 1959 was an [redacted] at the University of California. On 10/8/59 the Civil Service Commission advised that Perstein received a favorable determination under Executive Order 10450.

ACTION:

The Los Angeles Office is being separately advised not to become involved in this situation as it is not within FBI jurisdiction and the District Attorney should be made to clearly understand this.

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Date: 4/10/61

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Via _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SECURITY MATTER

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On 4/1/61 a representative of the District Attorney's Office, Santa Barbara, California, advised in confidence that [redacted] "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 3/31/61, requested assistance in taping a conversation which was to take place on that night. [redacted] stated room where mike to be placed was with consent of holder of room. Investigator for District Attorney's Office set up machine and taped about 20 minute conversation between [redacted] University of California at Santa Barbara was working with "News-Press" in matter and had become officer in Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of Young Americans for Freedoms at UCSB. [redacted] succeeded in getting [redacted] to state that [redacted] was full-time paid organizer of John Birch Society; that [redacted] job is organizing Freedom Clubs on college campuses.

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The Freedom Club and SBCLC are off-campus student groups. The former is reportedly extremely conservative and latter is interested in abolishing HCUA and has similar liberal aims.

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After first 20 minutes of taping, other members of Freedom Club arrived and tape continued for about 140 minutes.

Source in District Attorney's Office advised on 4/10/61 that [redacted] was called to office of T. M. STORKE, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 4/10/61, and

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introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio, who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired one hour taped interview with District Attorney 4/10/61 regarding that office's interest in JohnBirch Society. Source assumed CBS hoped to show connection between Freedom Clubs and John Birch Society. States [redacted] advised CBS planning one hour show on 4/20/61 re this matter and John Birch Society.

Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives interviewing infiltrator [redacted] above, along similar lines. "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front page story, 4/7/61, reflecting [redacted] infiltration of Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

Source in District Attorney's Office advised his information furnished FBI at instance of District Attorney, but requested facts re tape recording and giving of information by that office be treated in confidence.

Source previously advised that [redacted] taped admisions regarding his position with John Birch Society may possibly be published in "Life Magazine."

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: April 19, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2592-A2594. Congressman Scherer, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks concerning the organization "Young Americans for Freedom." He stated "This fine organization is doing much to promote sound, stable, and responsible Government in the United States at all levels." Mr. Scherer included an article entitled "HUAC and its Enemies," written by William M. Schulz and published in the Organization's publication "The New Guard." Mr. Schulz commented on the activities of one Frank Wilkenson, stating "Wilkenson just happened to be in San Francisco last spring when the committee scheduled hearings, and Director J. Edgar Hoover has singled him out as one of those responsible for the student riots that followed."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for April 18, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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[redacted]

April 27, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I request to be sent all available information you have on Young Americans for Freedom, a club or society of some kind. I would like to know if it is under communistic influence and if it is what I should do about it. b7C

I interested very much in my country and would like to help in any way I can. I am a candidate for the U. S. Air Force Academy and will probably make it a career if accepted. If I can help in any way please call on me. Thank you for your time!

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Yours very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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May 4, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 27, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI (100-3-104)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Re New York letter May 4, 1961, which suggested that the Bureau explore the possibility of discreetly utilizing under the Counterintelligence Program the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), a nationwide organization of conservative views, which organization is apparently militantly fighting communism. Relet suggested that in this connection the leadership of chapters of the organization at various colleges could be discreetly determined, and when Danny Rubin, Marvin Markman, and other members of the Communist Party (CP) leadership appear at a college to speak on behalf of communism, members of the YAF could be anonymously provided in advance with ammunition; for example, background of the CP speaker, "loaded" questions, prior embarrassing public statements made by the Party leader, et cetera.

While this suggestion on its face appears to have merit, it is believed that because of the controversial situation which has developed around the John Birch Society any inquiry, no matter how discreet, on a college campus concerning the YAF could lead to the erroneous belief that the FBI was investigating this organization because of its anticommunist activity. It is, therefore, not believed that the Bureau should alert the other counterintelligence offices at this time to this youth organization and suggest possible use of the organization under the Counterintelligence Program.

A review of the Bureau files indicates that the March 26, 1961, issue of "The Worker" on page five carried an article written by Mike Newberry entitled "The Trail of Goldwater's Youth Corps Leads to the Chiang Kai-shek Lobby." This article states that the national headquarters of the YAF is located at 343 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and that Douglas Caddy is the National Director of the YAF. The New York Office may desire on an individual basis to recommend some

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form of counterintelligence activity if a propitious time appears to alert Douglas Caddy or the organization on an anonymous basis to some specific Party activity or Party weakness so that the organization would be aware of same for possible counteraction. It is the Bureau's view that we should confine any counterintelligence activity regarding this anticommunist youth group to the New York Office and determine whether the organization could be used effectively under the Counterintelligence Program prior to involving the other Counterintelligence Program offices. No action or inquiries should be undertaken in this connection by the New York Office without first obtaining prior Bureau approval.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Re New York letter points out that a "New York World Telegram" article had indicated that about 100 youth from the "Young Americans for Freedom" had picketed the May Day celebration in New York's Washington Square. The YAF has not been investigated by the Bureau. This organization is on record as favoring the promotion of conservative spirit among American youth in the political and social arena and has cited international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty. The YAF was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, in September, 1960.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/5/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-220)

SUBJECT: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the Caddo-Bossier Chapter of captioned organization for whatever dissemination appears appropriate.

The confidential sources referred to in the letterhead memorandum in the order in which they appear are [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and [redacted] PCI of the New Orleans Office. b2 b7C

No further investigation of captioned organization is contemplated by the New Orleans Office and this case is being closed. However, any additional information developed regarding contact between members of this organization and known members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will be reported in New Orleans file 105-1057 captioned "ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS." b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 5, 1961

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

The "Shreveport Journal," daily newspaper published in Shreveport, Louisiana, contained an article on January 19, 1961, reporting plans for the organization of a Caddo-Bossier chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative movement among teenagers. This article stated that TOMMIE WELCH, Bossier High student, would outline the aims of the organization at a meeting of the National Organization for Whites to be held in the Shreveport Civic Center on January 20, 1961, and that a film, "Operation Abolition," showing the student riots in connection with the Un-American Activities Committee hearing in San Francisco, California, would also be shown during the meeting.

The article described WELCH as the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. WELCH of Benton, Louisiana, and reported TOMMIE WELCH as stating that a board of adult advisers for the Young Americans for Freedom had been selected; and he identified these advisers as J. D. SWENSON, BOB MATHENY, and BILL RUTLEDGE, all Bossier City businessmen. The article also stated that GEORGE GAINES of Tulane University is the regional director of the group and stated the Young Americans for Freedom was organized nationally at a meeting held September 9-11, 1960, at Sharon, Connecticut, with national headquarters being in New York City. The Sharon meeting was reported to have issued what is known as "The Sharon Statement," which holds that it is the function of government to preserve order, provide for national defense and the administration of justice.

The article goes on to quote the "Sharon Statement" as follows:

"When government ventures beyond these rightful functions it accumlates power which tends to diminish order and liberty. The Constitution of the United States

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is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering government to fulfill its proper role while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power. The genius of the Constitution -- the division of powers -- is summed up in the clause which reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the federal government. When government interferes with the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second and the moral autonomy of both."

The "Shreveport Times," daily newspaper published in Shreveport, Louisiana, contained an article on January 21, 1961, reporting the meeting held on January 20, 1961, of the National Organization for Whites, at which TOMMIE WELCH outlined the aims of the Young Americans for Freedom. The article states teenagers 16 or older would be invited to join YAF and quoted WELCH as stating he would ask the national group to lower the age limit to 14. The article stated the NOW donated $45.73 to help YAF get organized. The article quoted WELCH as stating YAF is opposed to "left-wing minority groups," and that YAF has a chapter at Tulane University. WELCH also stated that efforts would be made to enlist teenagers in a Caddo-Bossier chapter of the organization.

The article went on to report that other speakers at the meeting included JERRY BRISTOL, President of National Organization for Whites; J. LEON WILLIAMS, Vice-President; BILL RUTLEDGE, member of the board of adult advisers for the local young movement; and J. D. SWENSON, also one of the youth advisers.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 13, 1961, that he had attended a mass meeting in the high school football stadium, Bossier City, Louisiana, on March 12, 1961, which had been advertised as a meeting to preserve segregation, and at which application for membership in the Bossier City Citizens Council, Inc., were passed out. This source stated that BILL RUTLEDGE

was acting chairman at the meeting and that RUTLEDGE introduced J. D. SWENSON but that SWENSON did not make a speech. Source stated RUTLEDGE encouraged people to buy from the cold drink concession stand which he said was run by Young Americans for Freedom.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 13, 1961, that TOMMIE WELCH was among those on the speakers platform at this meeting. This source advised on April 26, 1961, that the Young Americans for Freedom have been meeting on Saturday nights at Centenary College, Shreveport, and that this group is now soliciting new members from among students attending parochial schools, which they had not previously done when the Caddo-Bossier chapter was first organized.

The latter source advised on April 26, 1961, that individuals known to be maintaining close contact with TOMMIE WELCH since the organization of the Caddo-Bossier Branch of the Young Americans for Freedom are [redacted] and [redacted], all of whom are known to this source as active members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and all residents of the Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, area. This source has further identified [redacted] The Bossier Press, Bossier City weekly newspaper, and also [redacted] Monitor South, an organization which monitors radio and television programs for content appearing derogatory to the South. This source has also identified [redacted] as an active member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434516) DATE: May 9, 1961

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-38542)

SUBJECT: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
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Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles with copies to Chicago dated 4/11/61, regarding captioned organization.

Chicago has no additional information which would indicate that captioned organization is an affiliate of NCAUAC. This case is being placed in a closed status by the Chicago Office.

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May 25, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

A club for Young Americans For Freedom is being established in my area. I am suspicious of this organization, but could you tell me if this organization is acceptable not only for my sake but for the sake of my classmates at college. I would appreciate your answer at the earliest possible date. If the answer if negative I will forward the material to the college disclosing the results to the students.

The address of this group is:

Young Americans For Freedom

343 Lexington Ave.

New York, New York.

My summer address will be:

2 General Delivery

3 Howard, Rhode Island.

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A true American citizen,

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 25, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF)
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May 27, 1961

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Dear Brothers: 1-19-93 10:08 am cm

This letter is addressed to all members of our great fraternity everywhere, and I trust you will give it serious consideration. It seems that the "Young Americans for Freedom" movement has been known to me for only a few days, thanks to [redacted] but after investigation I find that it is a very worthy group and deserves the assistance of all loyal Americans.

For a long time I have been thinking of becoming interested in this phase of the battle against The Communist Conspiracy, which threatens our very survival in America. I have written to Mr. Douglas Caddy suggesting that he endeavor to organize all of the fraternities and even the sororities in our colleges and universities, as well as in our schools, to get behind this movement so I am asking you and all members of our fraternity, including the many chapters and alumni clubs to put every possible effort behind this movement, and I believe if this is done and started in the fall when the schools open that they will be able to crush this Conspiracy not only in the schools and universities but it will so impress the entire country that it will be possible to give the death blow to Communism in our country.

Communism should be a crime as it is in many countries, including for instance, the Arab Republic which does receive aid from Russia but they refuse to allow this vile thing to contaminate their nations.

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I am getting very weary of hearing the President speak about billions to fight Communism 10,000 miles from our shores, and yet refusing to crush it forever right here where it is most dangerous to us. This just doesn't make sense to me. I have been trying with my letters and pamphlets for twenty-five years to impress this upon our Presidents, Senators, Congressmen and in these latter years the United Nations.

Please, for God's sake help save our blessed America from this vile Conspiracy.

Yours in the bond,

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May 31, 1961

Dear sir,

It has come to my attention that a movement for college students that calls itself "conservative" and is named "Young Americans For Freedom" is starting on this campus. I would appreciate it very much if your office could provide me with information concerning the purposes, backing and true nature of this group. College students are often warned not to become too eager to become affiliated with certain groups when their backgrounds are not well known. I feel the best way to become informed is to contact the one governmental department that should know, your office. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Student, Western Washington State College

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 31, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
4-17-61 statement re internal security
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning "Young Americans for Freedom." This organization is on record as favoring the promotion of conservative spirit among American youth in the political and social arena and has cited international communism as the greatest single threat to our liberty. It was established at a national conference on conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut in September, 1960. It has not been investigated by this

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BARRINGTON COLLEGE

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

Barrington, R.I.
June 10, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a list of names and adresses. These people are connected with the above organization. Would you please send them some material on the work J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. does.

It is the purpose of the above organization to inform the Barrington College students of the different law enforcement and subversive investigating agencies of the government so they will be able to fight all attempts to weaken our defenses against foreign powers.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated June 10, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the current demand for our publications, together with this Bureau's budgetary limitations, precludes my forwarding material in the volume you requested. It is a pleasure, however, to enclose two items which you may find of interest and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Director's Statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security
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July 26, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read in the July 19th issue of Exclusive published by Fulton Lewis, Jr. that some Administration members are planning a campaign to replace you as director of the F.B.I. They hope to force you to withdraw "voluntarily". Please resist these moves to the utmost. You have done a great service to this country by directing an agency which has protected this country from law-breakers and Communists. The job is now up to interested citizens to protect our anti-Communist forces and to educate the public in the dangers of complacency about Socialism and Communism. You and the HUAC have my pledge to help in this way.

I am temporary president of a newly-organized, yet extremely active, Providence County Chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom. Our group is very much interested

in arranging speaking engagements and questioning periods for people whose ideas are extremely vital to the Nation. We would be greatly honored to make arrangements for someone who could speak on Communist activities in the United States. If you know of someone who might be able to come to Providence to speak, I would appreciate your assistance very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 26, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

It is always good to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the menace which the threat of communism poses to our Nation's freedom and who exhibit a desire to combat this evil. In view of your concern, I want to assure you that my only wish is to continue to serve our country in my present capacity to the best of my ability.

I regret that the full schedule of my associates who normally speak on the matter you discussed precludes my being able to accede to your wish; and as a matter of policy, I am unable to suggest the names of any other speakers. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
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July 29, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am contemplating joining the Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. According to the information of your department, is there anything objectionable about the personnel, policies, means, etc. of the YAF which would make it an undesirable organization to join? Or does it have the full support of your department as a fine, Americanistic organization of which a college student would not find membership disadvantageous.

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The Providence County Chapter

of

Young Americans For Freedom b7C

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August 8, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have a poster drawn up by you with the heading: "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The Providence County Chapter of Young Americans For Freedom would like to distribute some of these posters in local factories and public places. Would you be good enough to let us know if they are available for distribution, and if so, how much 200 of these posters would cost?

We would greatly appreciate any help you can give us.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated August 8, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the great demand for our material, together with this Bureau's budgetary limitations, precludesforwarding material to you in volume. Enclosed are items on the general subject of communism which you and the members of your group may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
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Communism and the College Student
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August 9,1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
% F.B.I. Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We, the Young Americans for Freedom, are interested in conducting a lecture series in the Metropolitan Detroit, area from September 1961 to May 1962. We would like to have conservative speakers lecturing before our group and other interested people. We wish to do our part in combating the evils of the welfare state, socialism, communism, and the radical left wing thinking so prevalant in our society today.

We are primarily a college group and are therefore limited to an honorarium of $100.00 plus traveling expenses. Are you available during these months and if so, could you let us know when you can speak, and on what subject you would like to speak?

We understand you have been contacted by the Michigan State University Conservative Club to speak there in the fall. we wonder if it would be possible for you to speak to us on a successive night?

Awaiting your reply I remain
Sincerely,

[redacted]

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August 17, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of August 9 has been received.

It was kind of you to invite me to address the Young Americans for Freedom in the Metropolitan Detroit area. Unfortunately, the uncertainty of my official schedule makes it impossible for me to be of service in this regard. While one of my assistants contemplates an appearance at Michigan State University in the near future, his commitments are such that he is unable to accept any additional engagements at this time. I regret my inability to indicate a favorable response, but I want you to know that your interest in extending this invitation is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 2, 1961

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John Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Would please advise me as to what type of organization "Young Americans for Freedom" is? My son is becoming very active in it at the University of Washington.

From what I have read I think it is a fine organization, but want to be sure it is not communistic inspired.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

September 8, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of September 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
"How To Fight Communism"
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
"Christianity Today" Series
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F. J. Baumgardner to Belmont memo dated 4-13-61 indicates that one [redacted] admitted being a full-time paid organizer of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that his job is organizing Young Americans for Freedom groups on college campuses. Since we are cognizant of the fact that there may be a correlation between the JBS and the YAFF, requests for Bureau publications from members of the latter group are being discouraged.

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September 8, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I joined a local unit of the Young Americans for Freedom. This group claims to be against communism and pro conservative Republicans. Although this group seems to be quite good, I would appreciate it if you would give me your opinion about the YAF.

I would also appreciate knowing what you think of NSA (National Student Association) which is under criticism by "The New Guard," the YAF magazine.

Yours truly,

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/s/ [redacted] (parental dir)

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September 8, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly,

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September 15, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of September 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. National Student Association (NSA) is an organization composed of representatives of 370 colleges and universities. Investigation has disclosed no evidence of successful communist infiltration but policies of NSA have often paralleled Communist Party line on such points as opposition to dismissal of teachers because of communist membership, opposition to signing of loyalty oaths, and opposition to Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. Also approves teachers invoking Fifth Amendment when questioned concerning communist affiliations. (100-346566)

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TRUE COPY

October 1, 1961

[redacted]

Dear Sirs:

Recently, I heard of an. organization that supposidly is anti-communist. I am seriously thinking of joining the organization which is called the Young Americans for Freedom which is located at 79 Madison Avenue, New York. Before I join this organization I want to make sure it is everything it is supposed to stand for. b7C

For this reason appreciate all the in formation, pro or con, you can send.

Thank You very much,
Sencerely

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October 6, 1961

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Dear Sirs:

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Sincerely

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October 5, 1961

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1-19-93 1048 HQ Com Sec

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 1, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to write.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material about communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
The Deadly Contest
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality
The Communist Party Line
One Nation's Response to Communism

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TRUE COPY

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Dear Sir,

I attended Hollins College last year, and this year I am a sophomore at U.S.C. I am very interested in fighting Communism. I want to join the Young Americans for Freedom which has just been organized on campus. I would like to ask you if this organization has any pink tendencies or if my joining it will be a security risk? Please let me know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b7C

University Of South Carolina

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Sincerely,

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October 26, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked October 23, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to write.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to be of service and hope you will not infer our files do or do not contain data relating to your inquiry. Enclosed is some literature about communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism and the College Student
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
The Communist Party Line

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Bufiles indicate that Young Americans for Freedom was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. Its purpose is allegedly to enlist members from every campus to achieve local conservative objectives. One of its organizers admitted being a full-time, paid organizer for the John Birch Society.

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November 2, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Through a letter sent to a professor on this campus, I am placed in what could be an unfortunate position. b7C

A request has been made by the Michigan State Chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. to establish a chapter of their organization upon our campus. Before I get involved in this I would like to know what information your office has on this organization -- concerning its activities, members, affiliated organizations, and possible Communist or Socialist leanings.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (5)
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
The Deadly Contest
A View of Reality
The Communist Party Line
Christianity Today Series

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November 24, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 14, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I appreciate your interest in my articles and my book, "Masters of Deceit."

With respect to the matter you mentioned, I am fully cognizant of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's recent address in Dallas. He clearly pointed out this is the first time in our Nation's history that it has faced the total challenge of communism--militarily, scientifically, socially, educationally and philosophically. He emphasized that this threat must be met by all Americans in the most effective and rational manner possible. He pointed out quite clearly that we must be certain of the facts in combating this menace since the erroneous imputation of communism aids its cause by dividing and weakening our people when they need to be united and strong in order to defeat it. It may interest you to know that he utilized material from "Masters of Deceit" in preparing his remarks.

I have always emphasized that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. Our citizens must educate themselves to the true nature and methods of the communist movement in order that they may intelligently resist the zealous efforts of its adherents to destroy our form of government. This knowledge also helps to avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues.

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure
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1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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We cannot use vigilante methods or action outside the law in combating communism, and it is the responsibility of the people to be certain of the facts and then to report these facts to the proper authorities.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
W. C. Sullivan's speech of "Communism and Religion in the US."
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-61
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LEB Introduction, 4-61
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. We, The People, according to our files, has been described as a "right-wing" organization which advocates limiting the tax-spending power of the Federal Government and eliminating Government competition with private business. Young Americans For Freedom (YAFF) was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during 9-60. Its tasks are to enlist members from every campus and community and to organize programs which will achieve local conservative objectives. According to an article in the 3-15-61 issue of the "Journal American," this organization has taken issue with President Kennedy's Peace Corps Program. Baumgardner-Belmont memo of 4-13-61 indicates that one [redacted] admitted being a full-time organizer of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that his job is organizing YAFF groups on college campuses. Since we are cognizant of the fact that there may be correlation between the JBS and the YAFF, request for Bureau publications from members of the YAFF are being discouraged. Correspondent enclosed a newspaper article from "The Minneapolis Star" of 11-13-61 which concerned Mr. Sullivan's appearance at the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. b7C

Star Minneapolis Tribune Monday, Nov. 761

Do's and Don'ts for Anti-Reds

FBI official cites weapons in battle against communism

By WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN

assistant director, federal bureau of investigation, in a speech at the Highland Park Methodist church, Dallas, Texas

In the battle that is now being waged between communism and the free world, our survival will depend on the strength, determination, and idealism engendered by our Judaeo-Christian heritage.

In this global conflict, what is there that one can can do (cleric or layman) in his local community to strengthen this heritage and to counter communism?

First, let us consider what one should not do:

1. Do not speak or act in any manner that would create fear, hysteria, and confusion. These are "the ingredients for Communist coups in nations which have fallen under its spell," says J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI.

2. Do not make false charges of communism against other citizens or sow seeds of suspicion, distrust, and alarmism.

3. Do not use, unless you are capable of accurately defining, such ambiguous and misleading words and expressions as "red," "radical," "leftist," "left wing," "left wing supporter," "socialist," "collectivist," "self-styled liberal," "rightist," "right wing," "right wing supporter," "radical right," "reactionary," and "fascist."

Such vague and obscure terms have nothing to contribute to a clear, intelligent, and objective understanding of difficult and complex social problems. Their use in the past has given rise to much of the current confusion in the field of communism and religion.

4. Do not confuse legitimate dissent with communism. Hoover gives this warning:

"Knowing what communism really is and how it operates will also help us to avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. Communism feeds on social ferment. On both the local and national levels, the Communist party, USA, is continually exploiting social, economic, and political grievances for its own tactical purposes. For this reason, the 'party line' will frequently coincide with the views of many noncommunists on specific issues.

"We must not, therefore, indiscriminately label as Communists those whose opinions on a particular question may, on occasion, parallel the official party position. We must also guard against the tendency to characterize as Communists those who merely disagree with us or who advocate unorthodox or unpopular beliefs.

"When anyone is erroneously branded a Communist, it not only constitutes an injustice to the individual, but also helps communism by diffusing the strength of anti-communist forces . . ."

5. Do not engage in lawless vigilante action. "The job of curtailing and containing communism," Hoover admonishes, "is one for legally constituted authorities, with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen."

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8. Do not confuse theological doctrine with political principles or attempt to make one serve the cause of the other.

9. Do not attribute all our social defects, difficulties, and setbacks to communism. Hoover emphasizes: "Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears."

10. Do not fail to oppose all individuals, regardless of their ideological posture, who would subvert our social principles and traditions. Totalitarianism in any form must be rejected.

Now, let us consider what one man should and can do to reaffirm and reinforce our religious tradition and to combat communism:

1. Start with oneself. Engage regularly in self-examination as a means of better understanding, developing, and applying daily the moral and religious values of our Judaeo-Christian heritage. We convince not by words but by example.

2. Study and comprehend fully our nation's social principles, traditions, values, governmental structure, and historical goals. Relate them correctly to current local, national, and international events.

3. Elect government officials to local, state, and federal office who possess intelligence, ability and integrity.

4. Follow systematically the work and decisions of your elected representatives in government and let your views on important issues be known to them.

5. Understand Communist thought, objectives, strategy, and tactics. As Hoover points out:

"Communism is, indeed, our paramount adversary, and it leans on its credo of invincibility and a concept of historical inevitability to accomplish its ends.

"The way to fight it is to study, understand it, and discover what can be done about it. This cannot be achieved by dawdling at the spring of knowledge; it can only be accomplished by dipping deeply into thoughtful, reliable, and authoritative sources of information."

6. Insist that every citizen is entitled under law to freedom of thought, expression, action, dissent, experimentation, education, and worship.

7. Join proven local institutions or establish new organizations designed to improve and strengthen the community. Participate in them regularly and effectively.

8. Eradicate the causes of communism in local communities. These include: (a) poverty, (b) disease, (c) illiteracy, (d) economic dislocation, (e) social injustices, (f) social discrimination, (g) political corruption, (h) educational inadequacies, (i) personality maladjustments, (j) philosophical materialism, (k) religious anemia, and (l) moral decadence, personal and social.

9. Work steadily toward better relations between races, religions, and different social [redacted] between labor and management.

10. Encourage in one's local community original thinking, intellectual pioneering, moral courage.

11. Contribute to a continuing community, beginning with oneself.

12. Cultivate cultural diversity, and creativity for the unity we seek, not uniformity.

13. Help to direct individual [redacted] community thinking into constructive action [redacted] with world vision, because it is as true today as it was centuries ago when it was said that where there is no vision the people perish.

14. Develop and hold forth as a community goal for the young and old alike self-discipline, personal responsibility, dedication to worthy causes, loyalty to basic values, and a deep-rooted set of convictions in the inherent dignity and preciousness of every human being and the superiority of a free and open society in which every individual has an equal opportunity to achieve self-realization.

15. Recognize that while there are both permanence and change in life, there is no fixed *status quo*; hence, our need to understand social transitions and to control and to direct these transitions in accordance with the spiritual and moral values of the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

Minneapolis Star 11-2-61

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November 14, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Enclosed is a clipping which I clipped from the Minneapolis Star, dated November 13, 1961, last evenings paper. The article entitled, "Do's and Don'ts for Anti-Reds," was taken from a speech by William C. Sullivan, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, which he gave at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, sometime back.

After reading Mr. Sullivan's article and studying its context very carefully, I am left somewhat confused in the difference between the "Do's and Don'ts Department." He cites many statements of what one should not do and then follows these statements by a quotation from you, Mr. Hoover.

I have read your articles on the communist menace and am now waiting to receive your book which I have sent for, namely "Masters of Deceit." All your statements on communism have been very clear and to the point but Mr. Sullivan's statements in last evenings paper have left me points to question as to just exactly what he actually means we should do to combat communism and to me they seem to be in contrast as to the statements you have issued on this same subject.

I feel that Mr. Sullivan has left the readers dangling in mid-air. He stated that we should learn about the communist threat yet leaves us with the feeling that there really isn't anything we as citizens can actually do to combat this menace.

In the "Do's" department he mearly repeats some of the same things he has stated in the "Don'ts."

I do not believe that we can go in for name calling to further the anti-communist cause but I surly believe that when we as citizens are aware of known communists working in our cities, towns, and state we certainly should do what we can to expose these self-admitted communists and bring them and their activities to full attention of the public. Only by the public knowing the communist threat exists in their community are they going to be able to do something about bringing this threat to an end.

I belong to two organizations in Minneapolis, "We, The People" and "Young Americans for Freedom" which have been working very diligently to bring the communist menace out into the open.

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Thank you for your time and I will be most anxiously awaiting your response as you see fit, Mr. Hoover.

I remain respectively yours,

/s/ [redacted] b7C

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Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. This conference issued a statement which stated in part "that the forces of international communism are at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this (communist) menace..." Its task is to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objectives. Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization.

November 14 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1-19-93 BY 10480/mcm/cw

EXP. PROC.
NOV 17 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Enclosed is a clipping which I clipped from the Minneapolis Star, dated November 13, 1961, last evenings paper. The article entitled, "Do's and Don'ts for Anti-Reds", was taken from a speech by William C. Sullivan, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, which he gave at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, some time back.

After reading Mr. Sullivan's article and studying its content very carefully, I am left somewhat confused in the difference between the "Do's and Don'ts Department." He cites many statements of what one should not do and then follows these statements by a quotation from you, Mr. Hoover.

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I have read your articles on the Communist Menace and am now waiting to receive your book which I have sent

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for, namely "Masters of Deceit." All your statements on Communism have been very clear and to the point but Mr. Sullivan's statements in last evenings paper have left me points to question as to just exactly what he actually means we should do to combat communism and to me they seem to be in contrast as to the statements you have issued on this same subject.

I feel that Mr. Sullivan has left the readers dangling in mid-air. He states that we should learn about the communist threat yet leaves us with the feeling that there really isn't anything we as citizens can actually do to combat this menace.

In the "Do's" department he nearly repeats some of the same things he has stated in the "Don'ts."

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I remain respectively yours,

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-43416) DATE: 11/30/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144505)

SUBJECT: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 11/28/61, [redacted] forwarded to this office a "Directory of College Conservative Clubs" (Spring, 1961), published by Young Americans for Freedom, 343 Lexington Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

A photostat of this Directory is forwarded to the Bureau for the completion of its file. The original is being maintained as an exhibit in 100-144505-1A2.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434516)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-)

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS-C

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[redacted] On 12/15/61, [redacted] advised as follows:

Captioned organization plans to hold a picket demonstration in front of the White House, Washington, D.C., from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on 12/16/61. This group has told the [redacted] that they expect 300 demonstrators. Secret Service and USPP have been advised of this proposed demonstration by the [redacted]

WFO will submit letterhead memo concerning this demonstration.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]

Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Hoover

A few weeks ago there appeared on the Campus of East Tenn. State College a club, "American Youth for Freedom." At first the posters told about a movie they were going to show, "Communism on the Map." Then a week after there appeared another poster. This one said "Down with Federal Dictatorship Up with State Local & Individual Freedom." They met 5:30 P.M. Nov 30 in the Gold Room which is in the Student Center. I didn't go to the meeting but I thought I would send you one of the poster and the other to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Wash D.C. b7C

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear Mr. Hoover

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Ack.
12-17-81
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1 - Mr. Simpson

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December 19, 1961

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1-19-93 104 Stem Clm

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked December 14, 1961, with its enclosure.

Your interest and thoughtfulness in furnishing this information to me are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles indicate that correspondent in August, 1960, corresponded with the Bureau to obtain a list of subversive organizations. (100-0-33531)

Young Americans for Freedom was established at the National Conference of Conservative Students and Youth Leaders held in Connecticut in September, 1960. Its purpose is allegedly to enlist members from every campus to achieve local conservative objectives. There is nothing in our files to indicate that it is a subversive organization and it has not been the subject of an investigation

NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

by the Bureau. The enclosure to correspondent's letter was a poster soliciting membership in the Young Americans for Freedom and read, "Down with Federal Dictatorship, Up with State, Local, & Individual Freedom."

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Date: 12/18/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434516)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-39774) (C)

CC TO: REQ. REC'D 1965 ANS. BY:

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF)
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS

ReWFOairtel to Bureau 12/15/61 which stated that the YAF would demonstrate at White House, 12/16/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies and for NY and Philadelphia one each of a letterhead memo concerning this demonstration.

WFO will disseminate locally to OSI, 4th District, ONI, PRNC, and G-2, MDW.

[redacted] Metropolitan Police Dept., furnished the info to SA [redacted] furnished info to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

The following info is not being set forth in the letterhead memo:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was one of the leaders of the demonstration. Another leader was supposed to be a girl from the office of Senator JOHN TOWER of Texas, however [redacted] never saw this girl and did not know if she participated in the demonstration.

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Any additional info developed by sources of WFO will be furnished Bureau and interested offices. No active investigation being undertaken by WFO.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
December 18, 1961

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

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On December 16, 1961, [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., (MPD) advised as follows:

A group of people identifying themselves as The Young Americans for Freedom, 74 Madison Avenue, New York City, arrived at the White House, Washington, D. C., at about 1:00 p.m. They planned to have 500 demonstrators but during the time they demonstrated they never numbered more than 200. The number of demonstrators varied as groups left and returned after eating and resting.

These pickets carried signs protesting United Nations action in Katanga, advocated a resumption of atomic testing by the United States and that the United States negotiate from strength.

Signs carried by the pickets indicated that Young Americans for Freedom groups from the following places were represented:

Trinity College, Princeton University, Dunbarton College, Hunter College, George Washington University, American University, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, Metropolitan Council.

Some of the signs read as follows:

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM

"Better Brave than Slave."
"Better Fed than Red - ban the Bum (KHRUSHCHEV)."
"Merry Christmas Katanga, from the U. N."
"Fallout or Sellout - choose!"
"Arriba Katanga."
"Bingo Bongo Bongo UN Leave the Congo."
"Viva Tshombe."
"Negotiate from Strength, not Fear."
"We Want a Free and Independent Katanga."
"Keep Katanga."
"Only the Strong Remain Free."
"Test - Si, Disarm - No."
"Peaceful U. N. Fights Undeclared War."

On December 17, 1961, [redacted] advised as follows:

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The Young Americans for Freedom ceased their demonstration at about 4:30 p.m. No incidents developed during this demonstration.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

APPENDIX

Re: Young Americans for Freedom (YAF)
Information Concerning
(Internal Security)

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, ALSO KNOWN AS
WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS

A source advised on February 27, 1959, that George Lincoln Rockwell, of Arlington, Virginia, had held an organizational meeting of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (WUFENS) at his residence on February 26, 1959.

Six persons were present and they, according to the source, comprised the beginning of an officer corps of the organization. Rockwell told those present that the WUFENS would be an international movement, but that the section of the organization in the United States would be known as the American Party of the WUFENS.

Rockwell, on March 26, 1959, furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of the program of the WUFENS stating that he expects to become President of the United States through the organization's platform. The main tenets of the WUFENS, as reflected in the program, call for the migration of Negroes to Africa and the trial and execution of all Jews guilty of Communist and Zionist treason.

A second source advised on August 8, 1961, that the main activity of the organization, in furtherance of these objectives, has consisted of picketings with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro placards and talks by Rockwell attacking Jews as traitors to the United States. The headquarters of the American Nazi Party is located at 928 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/20/61

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (105-New)

SUBJECT: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-9-93 10/8 bmacm

For the Bureau's information, this office is in receipt of a clipping from "The Daily Progress", a newspaper published in Charlottesville, Virginia, dated 11/30/61, captioned "Rightist Group at University Gets Approval" wherein the following is related:

> "A conservative University of Virginia student group that describes itself as 'to the left of the John Birch Society' has been given unanimous approval by the Student Council and expects to enroll 200 paying members this year.
>
> "The John Randolph Chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom, one of some 125 chapters in the country and the second in Virginia, will hold its first public meeting on Dec. 14 with a film on 'Communist Encirclement--1961'.
>
> "President James D. Benson, third year student from Charleston, S.C., said the group is 'more moderate' than the John Birch Society and is directed toward the 'many conservative students at the University who are inactive now but will respond to an organized conservative group.'
>
> "The group is named after John Randolph of Roanoke, a 19th century individualist."

The article continued to relate that the national group of the Young Americans for Freedom was founded "a year ago in Sharon, Conn. and first received national attention by sponsoring a mass public demonstration in Washington in support of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

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JAMES D. BENSON, president of the group at the University, advised, according to the article, that the University chapter "will act mainly as an information outlet presenting speakers, films and literature and hopes 'to make people more politically aware.'" Other officers of the chapter were identified as JAMES P. MC CLELLAN, Arlington, Virginia, a first-year graduate school student, who is Vice President; JOSEPH F. FREEMAN of Richmond, Va., a first-year law student who is secretary; and EDWARD H. REAL of Jackson, Miss., a second-year college student who is treasurer.

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On 12/4/61 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had recently received information concerning the organization of a chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, which he identified as a "conservative organization" and related that the founding of the group had been approved by the University of Virginia Student Council. This source had no additional information as to the character of the organization or its activities.

Richmond indices contain no other information identifiable with captioned group and above is being supplied for information of the Bureau. Richmond does not anticipate conducting any investigation concerning the activities of this organization UACB.

For additional information of the Bureau, the officers of the group as identified above have been searched through the indices of this office and there is no identifiable derogatory information concerning either of these individuals.

[redacted]

January 11, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 1-19-93 BY 104 80 KM CAM

Dear Mr. Hoovers:

In order to protect myself I would like for you to keep on file this letter. The reason is clear immediately when I state that I would like to subscribe to a 3 months subscription of "Pravda".

The reason for my wanting to receive this publication is the same reason I had when I took a course in Russian, that is to better understand exactly what it is that I am so "set" against, and want to try to protect th is country from coming under the rule of in my time, if p ossible.

Another reason also comes to light in that I am [redacted] b7C

Regardless of ones intentions, someone will always take this action in the wrong light, and I do not feel that I should take a risk of not protecting myself by not filing this letter with you.

Please send me the address from which I might obtain this publication if you have it on file, and I shall not subscribe until receiving your reply. When the subscription is mailed I will again write to you so that the period of subscription may be strictly noted.

Singerely yours

[redacted]

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January 18, 1962

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 11th has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. I regret that, as a matter of policy, I am unable to offer you the address you requested or any suggestions in that respect. I can assure you that your letter will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. Its tasks are to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objectives. It is noted, however, that according to an article in the March 15, 1961, issue of the "Journal-American," this organization has taken issue with President Kennedy's Peace Corps program. (as of 4-6-61) F. J. Baumgardner to Belmont memo dated 4-13-61 indicates that one [redacted] admitted being a full-time, paid organizer of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that his job is organizing

See rest of note next page b7C

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Young Americans for Freedom groups on college campuses. Since we are cognizant of the fact that there may be a correlation between the JBS and the YAF, requests for Bureau publications from members of the latter group are being discouraged.

[redacted] NEW JERSEY [redacted]

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January 15, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have been solicited by the "Young Americans For Freedom, Inc., " address of 79 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Since there are so many subversive groups around with the name [redacted] and American in them today, I would appreciate any information you have on the above group.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 15, 1962, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)
4-61 LEB Intro.
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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[redacted]

January 21, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: Yours Americans for Freedom

Thank you for your prompt and considerate reply to my letter of January 11th. It is completely within my understanding that you are unable to release the address of whefe I may write to in order to subscribe to the publication Pravada.

As you refer to "citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms" I am making my contribution by

[redacted]

It is with this position and a great personal desire to be more informed as to what my enemy is and what this same enemy is doing that I have now written to the Russian Embassy for the address of where I may write to in order to subscribe to Pravda.

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With the thought of continuing to protect myself from future claims against myself, I send you this letter with the enclosed copy of the letter that has been sent to the Russian Embassy. Please maintain these two letters in your file for my protection, and I will continue to file such correspondence as may occur in attempting to subscribe to Pravda.

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Sincerely yours,

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January 21, 1962

The Russian Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to have the address of where I may write in order to subscribe to the publication Pravda.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

January 22, 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am interested in an organization known as the Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., whose main office is located at 79 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.. This appears to me to be a worthwhile organization which has as its aim the furthering of conservative and constitutional government. Before becomg involved with this group, I would like to make sure that it has not been listed as performing functions detrimental to the government of the United States.

I would appreciate it if you would supply me with this information.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 22nd has been received, and the interest prompting you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group about which you asked.

I am enclosing some literature dealing with the general subject of communism you may like to read. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," which relates the story of communism in America and how to fight it. You will probably be able to obtain a copy of it at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
12-7-61 Director's Speech
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
The Deadly Contest
The Communist Party Line

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THE NOTTOWAY PUBLISHING CO., Inc.
PUBLISHERS OF THE COURIER-RECORD
TELEPHONE 12 ◈ W. C. COLEBURN, PRESIDENT AND TREASURER ◈ 113 EAST BROAD ST.
Printing-Publishing-Advertising
BLACKSTONE, VA.
February 8, 1962

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1-19-93 BY 1041 DIEMCAM

Dear Sir:

First, let me congratulate you on receiving the Criss Award. I watched and enjoyed your talk "The Faith To Be Free". This should be a must reading for every school child in our great country. The Editor, Mr. Coleburn, has shown me your letter of thanks for our editorial and this has prompted me to write to you about a matter that I believe to be of utmost importance.

As you know, a wave of Americanism is sweeping across our college campuses, and this makes one highly elated, especially when he has worked with rural youth for many years, I was honored by the 4-H clubs of Virginia in 1956 by receiving the coveted "All Star Key Award" at V.P.I.

The "Young Americans For Freedom" are planning a state convention in Lynchburg, Virginia, in the near future and have called on me as Vice Chairman of the Virginia Committee for Constitutional Government to advise and help them. They need help, but it must be the right kind. Here in Virginia we have of course conservative beliefs and tendancies, but we don't believe in radicalism, be it from the right or left.

The speaker that we secure for these young people must be the right speaker, too often they have to settle for the wrong kind. We need to ground our young people in Americanism and a dedicated life to preserve our liberties, but it must be done with honor and integrity.

I am writing to ask if your busy schedule would allow you to address this group on the American Ideals in your wonderful manner. Sometime in early April would be fine.

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As I am a stranger writing to you, I must give you some reference and here it is.

[redacted] Extension Service, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, 4th Va. District. b7C

Mr. Thomas B. Stanley, former Governor of Va. Stanleytown, Va.

We need the right spark for our youth as they chart their way into a frustrating world, may God help us chart the path right.

Your comment and help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Virginia Committee for
Constitutional Government

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February 14, 1962

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 8th, and I want to thank you for your kind remarks relative to my receiving the Criss Award and the address I made on that occasion.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your invitation to speak at the state convention of the "Young Americans For Freedom" in April, the pressure of official business in addition to the uncertainty of my schedule precludes me from accepting as many of these engagements as I would like. Consequently, I am unable to give you a favorable reply. I am sorry this situation exists, but I am sure you will understand the difficulties involved.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [redacted] on segregation at a meeting held on the Capitol steps in Richmond, Virginia, on 4-1-59. [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List and we wrote him on 2-5-62 relative to an editorial he carried in the "Courier-Record." Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Young Americans For Freedom (YAFF) was established at a National Conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during 9-60. Its tasks are to enlist members from every campus and community and to organize programs which will achieve local conservative objectives.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-NEW)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-NEW)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOISE TSHOMBE TO THE U.S.
IS - KATANGA
Young Americans For Freedom

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies each of a letterhead memorandum and an evaluation memorandum dated and captioned as above.

[redacted] is [redacted] who furnished the information set forth to SA [redacted] on 1/24/62.

NYO will follow this matter in accordance with the Manual of Instructions, Volume IV, Section 105-I, page 4N.

The NYCPD is being appropriately notified, and the Bureau will be furnished with any additional information developed.

Sources used for the documentations are:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
January 26, 1962

Re: [Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States] (U)

On January 24, 1962, [redacted] furnished the following information:

On the evening of January 23, 1962, there was a forum held at the Community Church, 35th Street between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue, New York City. This was a church-sponsored forum discussing the topic of integration versus segregation, and the two participants were [redacted] and Malcolm X (Little), leader of the Nation of Islam at New York City.

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It should be noted that characterizations of the several individuals and organizations, mentioned in this memorandum, appear in the Appendix hereto.

At the conclusion of the forum, an informal meeting was held at the coffee shop located on the northeast corner of 34th Street and Third Avenue, New York City. The following individuals, who had been present at the forum, adjourned to this cafeteria for the purpose of discussing a proposed demonstration in the event Moise Tshombe, Congolese leader of Katanga Province, visits the United States: (U)

[redacted] (phonetic), a student at City College New York, [redacted] of an uptown group of the Young Socialist Alliance. (U)

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Re: [Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States] (α)4

[redacted] was accompanied by a blonde Caucasian girl as was [redacted] (α)4

This meeting was dominated and led for the most part by [redacted] The subject under discussion was a mass demonstration by Negro nationalist elements at New York City in protest in the event that Moise Tshombe appeared according to schedule at a rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on March 7, 1962. This demonstration is to be held outside Madison Square Garden. (α)4 b7C

Among the points discussed were whether the demonstration would be strictly Negro or Negro-dominated but open to participation by whites. [redacted] pointed out that this would be for the most part "a Negro thing", but since many white groups had "an ax to grind" with Tshombe, they should be accepted, and the demonstration should be an integrated group. (α)4 b7C

Another point discussed was the control of pickets' signs, i.e., what these signs should say to achieve the greatest impact. The consensus was that where there were so many groups espousing so many points of view, it would be essential to maintain the overall theme, anti-colonialism, and to weed out signs which were furthest from this theme. It was agreed by all present that Tshombe was the symbol of colonialism. (α)4

It was further agreed that a coordinating committee must be formed, and there followed a discussion as to who would be invited. [redacted] stated that he has already spoken to two Harlem Negro nationalist groups (not otherwise identified). It was universally agreed at this meeting that no one wanted anything to do with the [redacted] United African Nationalist Movement, the "so-called Negro nationalist group in New York City. The meeting agreed that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would be invited to send a representative to sit in on the meeting concerning arrangements for the picket. (α)4 b7C

Re: [Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States] (X)4

[redacted] stated that he did not want the same thing to happen that happened with the two groups formed to support the Negro defendants soon to come to trial in Monroe, North Carolina. He pointed out that the Monroe Defense Committee and the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants, while interested in the same cause, were at loggerheads, and one group was all Negro and the other an intergrated group. [redacted] does not want any one group to take control. (X)4

There will be a meeting held Tuesday, January 30, 1962, for all Negro groups. This will be held in the large room at the rear of the book store located on Seventh Avenue between 125th and 126th Streets. Following this meeting, invitations will then be issued to white and mixed groups - socialist groups, sleeping car porters, the hospital workers union were among those mentioned. The feeling of those present at the meeting, however, was that labor groups, as labor groups, would not respond although their membership might (X)4 b7C

[redacted] stated that he had asked Malcolm X if his group would participate. Malcolm X had replied that he would not direct his group to participate, but on the other hand, he would not advise his followers not to participate. (X)4

There followed a discussion on the need for discipline at this demonstration. It was stated that with this many groups participating, a couple of thousand pickets were expected. Watts said that he had reached an understanding with the two Harlem Negro nationalist groups, previously mentioned, that there would be no fighting with any whites or light-skinned Negroes who join the picket line. All were agreed that some attempt should be made to control any violence, and that the carrying of weapons could be considered as a distinct likelihood and that this should be discouraged. (X)4

Re: [Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States] (U)

[redacted] stated that he had controlled some very large picket lines in the past, but never lines composed of the types of personalities that would be in this group. He stated that if any of the group wanted to go inside Madison Square Garden to cause disorders, "we don't want to know about it". He further stated that outside of that they don't care if they wreck the place. (U)

[redacted] feels that so long as none of the demonstrators get hit over the head by police, the group can probably be held in hand. (U)

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[redacted] feels that with the group the size that is contemplated, the police will probably have had strict orders for kid glove treatement of the pickets. (U)

[redacted] stated that on January 24, 1962, he would telephone all Negro leaders and invite them to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 30, 1962. (U)

This meeting terminated at about 1 A.M., on January 24, 1962. The informant advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning this matter. (U)

Re: Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States (4)

APPENDIX

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On September 27, 1961, a source advised that [redacted] was a member of the New York Local, Socialist Workers Party. b7C b7D

Re: [Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States] (U)

APPENDIX

WILLIAM WORTHY

An article captioned, "Brotherhood Hears Worthy", which appeared in the November 10, 1960 edition of the publication, "The Springfield Union", states in part as follows:

"A U.S. newsman recently returned from Cuba Wednesday night assailed the American press for what he called spreading 'The big lie' in this country about Cuba.

"The newsman, William Worthy, perhaps best known to Americans from headlines a few years ago when he went to China against the wishes of the State Department, spoke at a brotherhood dinner at Temple Beth El.

"Worthy told the nearly 250 men at the dinner that if he 'were a Cuban today, I would be proud to be a Cuban. Cuba is at last standing on it's own feet, at last being independent, at last telling the U.S. where to go'."

Re: Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States

APPENDIX

LIBERATION COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Daniel H. Watts is Chairman of the Liberation Committee for Africa, an organization which has been described in newspaper articles as being nationwide with the aim of helping "African freedom fighters" and promoting awareness of a common heritage for Afro-Americans and Africans. A source advised in March, 1961, that Watts was the guest speaker at a Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Public Forum held on March 4, 1961, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Literature of the Liberation Committee for Africa shows that Richard Gibson is Executive Secretary, and that Lowell P. Beveridge is Research Secretary of this organization.

On January 10, 1961, a second source advised that at a meeting of the Peace Club, Crown Heights Section, Kings County Communist Party (CP) held on January 9, 1961, at 32 Ludlam Place, Brooklyn, New York, Lowell P. Beveridge registered himself as a member of the Peace Club.

APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1961, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid 1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by ALLAH, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

NATION OF ISLAM (CONT'D)

On May 17, 1961, a third source advised: MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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ON GUARD COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM (OGCFF)

A confidential source advised on February 15, 1961, that the "On Guard Committee for Freedom" (OGCFF) was formed on February 14, 1961, in the Harlem section of New York City. Its purpose was to avenge the death of PATRICE LUMUMBA and the fathers and mothers of slaves killed in the past.

"The New York Times", issue of March 1, 1961, on page twenty-five, commented that CALVIN L. HICKS, a newspaper writer, who is editor of a six-page newspaper, is associated with the OGCFF. The tabloid edited by him has favored the LUMUMBA and CASTRO regimes and has called on President KENNEDY to aid "Afro-American" families in Tennessee while asserting the U.S. was subsidizing Cubans in Florida.

A second confidential source on February 29, 1956, furnished information that CALVIN L. HICKS was at that time a member of a Communist Party cell in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The May, 1961 edition of "On Guard," official organ of the OGCFF, on page two, stated that the purpose of the OGCFF was "to act as an educational and action organization. To inspire our people to united mass action on issues affecting their rights and opportunities. To expose those agents and agencies representative of government who violate those principles and documents upon which this country was founded." The above editorial contained in part, "In order to implement the above-mentioned principles, OGCFF shall advocate and make use of the picket line, the boycott, the petition forums and mass circulation of 'On Guard', our monthly newspaper."

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was formed during January, 1938, in New York City.

A second source stated on April 21, 1961, that the New York Local of the SWP is affiliated with and follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS) page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA), was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

A source advised on May 3, 1961, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in New York City, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised that the YSA is dominated and controlled ir its leadership and ranks by members of the SWP. The source added that the SWP considers the YSA as a training ground for hard-core SWP leadership activity and as its current and future hope for recruits and the promulgation of the SWP movement throughout the United States.

The headquarters of the YSA are located at 10 East 23rd Street, New York City.

The YS is a monthly publication, self-described in the May, 1961 issue as the official organ of the YSA.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
January 26, 1962

Re: (Visit of Moise Tshombe to the United States) (U)

Reference is made to the memorandum in captioned matter, dated as above.

[redacted] and the sources, mentioned in the various documentations of organizations and individuals, have all furnished reliable information in the past. b2 b7D

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Ohio Northern

February 12, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1-19-93 BY 1048 DEMAIN

EXP. PROC.
FEB 14 1962

Dear Sir:

At this time of great crisis in America, I feel it is my duty to stand up for the traditional principles of democracy and freedom. As a student, I have an urge to learn and to develop political maturity so that I may take my place in the leadership of American society.

To these ends, several students and I have formed here at Ohio Northern University a chapter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). This national organization is based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, and individual responsibility.

In any new movement, however, there is bound to be some opposition. We have opposition in the form of a certain rather influential professor who claims that YAF is affiliated with the John Birch Society, and that both are anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, fascistic organizations. For his authority, he states that an FBI investigation has revealed these charges.

Could you tell me, Mr. Hoover, has there ever been such an investigation of YAF; if so has it been proven fascistic; and if not, what are your opinions on this subject?

I would appreciate an answer at your earliest convenience, because the controversy is at its height, and we must clarify the matter promptly.

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Sincerely yours,

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February 19, 1962

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter dated February 12, 1962, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the matters you mentioned. However, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain information concerning them.

I have expressed repeatedly that it is vital that each of us gain a broad knowledge of the origin, aims and methods of the communist conspiracy so that we can intelligently comprehend the danger it presents. While the menace of communism is serious, I also strongly feel that it is necessary for us to confront this threat in a calm, realistic, rational and law-abiding manner.

If we are to effectively resist the eroding influence of communism, it is imperative that citizens of this Nation try to exhibit in more positive ways the values and superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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In view of the desires expressed, I am enclosing some literature which I hope will be of assistance to you. You may also desire to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit." I am sure you can locate a copy of it in your school library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures - 4

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or the Ohio Northern University chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). The YAF has been described as a conservative youth group. (100-434516). It is known that a group known as YAF, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., formed a "counterpicket line" of some 60 to 75 individuals against the mass demonstration of the "Student Public Witness" of 2-17-62. (100-436876)

The John Birch Society is well known to the Bureau and is an extreme right-wing anticommunist group.

The following literature was furnished to the correspondent.

1. "The Communist Party Line"
2. "The Faith to be Free"
3. "Let's Fight Communism Sanely!"
4. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

(Rev. 8-31-61)

YAF's Target Includes Peace and Democracy

By ILENE LINDER

Situated on the ninth floor of an imposing building on Madison Avenue, New York City is the suite of offices housing the Young Americans For Freedom, an organization that has dedicated itself to be, in their words, the "guiding light" in the grand crusade against "atheistic communism." This organization is opposed to everything from the Peace Corps, whose members they declare are "wandering through Africa flourishing the teeth of cannibals," to social security which they claim is the means by which the "Communists and their liberal dupes" are brainwashing the American people. Their immediate aim is to vote the liberals out of power since it is they, YAF contends, who are the effective tools of the Communists.

One of the main enemies of freedom, according to YAF, is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Earl Warren, against whom they are conducting a vociferous campaign. YAF hates the Chief Justice because of his votes against segregation and the registration provision of the thought control McCarran Act.

Basic to their "grand crusade against communism" is the preservation of states rights which YAF declares to mean freedom of choice for the individual states, but which in reality means the preservation of the status quo, i.e. segregation in the South.

To a certain extent, the propaganda of YAF has made itself felt. They claim chapters at forty four colleges. Many of these chapters have the support of associated magazines like "Conservative



Thunder" published at Wayne State University, an expensive looking glossy monthly magazine.

YAF gets much of its support and inspiration from such adult members of the National Advisory Board as Mr. Herbert V. Kohler of the Kohler Works, whose notorious anti-union policies are widely known; George Sokolsky, the Hearst Columnist; the racist Senator, Strom Thurmond; and, of course, Senator Barry Goldwater, whose nostalgic reminiscences about the good old days of McKinleyism have captured the fancy of many of these "forward looking" conservatives.

An indication of the potential danger of this group was made in a report presented last summer by Carl T. Megel, President of the American Federation of Teachers. In this report, Megel said that he is receiving complaints that there

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are students being planted in classrooms for the purpose of informing on other students and professors.

Many liberal and influential student leaders recognize that there is a threat from the adult right. At the same time, however, they neglect to equate the adult right with the student right-wing movement, asserting that the student movement is insignificant.

These students do not see the danger of YAF to democracy because they fail to realize that political movements do not develop in a vacuum; that YAF and other political youth organizations have definite commitments to a particular political movement. In the case of YAF, little research has to be done to see that all the adults supporting it have devoted their lives to the building of monopoly capitalism with the necessary tools for the job: segregation, exploitation and a curtailment of civil liberties.

Although many of YAF's members may not be fascist, the organization lauds Franco, the dictator of Spain, a government the U.N. labelled a "Fascist Tyrrany." One YAF member told this reporter that there is nothing wrong with fascism as long as it fights Communism.

All segments of the democratic student population, must join together to isolate YAF by exposing its anti-Communist sloganizing as a smokescreen for its sadistic attacks against peace. "I LIKE NIKE" and "TEST, SI-DISARM, NO"), its support of HUAC, the Smith and McCarran Acts, its hatred of any effective civil rights legislation and its crude plaudits for fascist dictatorships around the world.

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Young Americans for Freedom, the ultra-conservative group is sponsoring a rally to be held March 7 at Madison Square Garden. Among those to receive awards at the rally are former President Herbert Hoover and Edwin J. Walker, the former Army Major General who indoctrinated his troops with John Birch Society material. Another interesting pair, segregationist Senator John Tower of Texas and Moise Tshombe, president of the Congo's Katanga province (and puppet of foreign mining interests) will receive awards on the same platform.

As Ralph Matthews, columnist for the Afro-American commented, the ultra-rightists are helping many to understand the situation in the Congo by the open support of such rabid segregationists as Tower and Senator Eastland of Mississippi for their "Uncle-Tom-Tshombe."

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Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Information attributed to [redacted] in enclosed memorandum was furnished to SA [redacted]

The sources utilized in the characterization of the American Nazi Party are:

[redacted]

Information copies are being furnished to WFO and Richmond because of the information set forth in enclosed memorandum concerning the American Nazi Party.

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Re: Young Americans for Freedom (YAF)
Information Concerning
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On February 19, 1962, [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised that on February 17, 1962, from 12 noon to 2:15 p.m. the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), 150 East 35th Street, New York City, sponsored a YAF Walk which began at 59th Street and Central Park South, New York City, and proceeded south on Fifth Avenue, New York City, where it turned east and ended at 42nd Street and First Avenue, New York City, in the vicinity of the United Nations building.

[redacted] advised that approximately 140 individuals participated in the above walk and included not only representatives of the YAF but members of the New York County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Federation of Former Hungarian Political Prisoners. b7C

According to [redacted] David Franke, Director, Greater New York Council of the YAF, 150 East 35th Street, New York City, advised the New York City Police Department that the purpose of the walk was to seek public support for an end to the ban on nuclear testing and to protest the United States State Department's refusal to allow Moise Tshombe, Prime Minister of Katanga, to visit the United States.

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According to [redacted] the individuals participating in the YAF Walk chanted slogans, "Better Dead than Red" and "Better Brave than Slave." They also carried placards reading "Victory Over Communism," "A Strong America A Free America," "Resume Nuclear Testing" and "We Want Tshombe."

Mr. Franke previously mentioned, advised that about 15,000 tickets had been sold to date for the YAF rally to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on March 7, 1962.

Mr. Franke stated he had heard that members of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and possibly the ANP leader, George Lincoln Rockwell were planning to pass out literature outside Madison Square Garden on March 7, 1962, which literature will reportedly attempt to show that the YAF is actually an organization operated by Jews.

Mr. Franke furnished no basis for the above information concerning the proposed ANP activity in New York City on March 2, 1962.

A characterization of the ANP is attached hereto and sources mentioned therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, New York

February 23, 1962

Director, FBI (100-434516)

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Reference is made to Newark airtel 2/19/62 captioned "Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) IS - SWP" and previous New York communications concerning protest picketing of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) Rally to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on 3/7/62.

Information being received indicates that participants in this picketing will include members of the Socialist Workers Party, Nation of Islam, the Labor-Negro Vanguard Party and Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth. ReNKairtel indicates that a Youth Organizing Committee Against the Ultra-Right Rally, 224 East 46th Street, New York City, had issued leaflets calling for a protest against the YAF Rally.

It appears that the committee organizing this protest is an ad hoc committee and in order to coordinate all information concerning the protest, information submitted should be furnished the Bureau under the YAF caption. All pertinent information should be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and eight copies should be furnished the Bureau. In addition, you should designate copies of pertinent communications for the Bureau files on participating organizations. You should, of course, place copies of all communications in the case files of participating organizations in your office.

Appropriate police officials should be advised of pertinent facts concerning the protest. The means of submitting pertinent data to the Bureau should follow good judgment.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434516)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-39774) (P)

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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memo concerning debate sponsored by captioned organization on 2/20/62.

[redacted] furnished the information concerning this debate to SA [redacted]. This information will be filed in [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

[redacted] The informant used to identify [redacted] b2

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WFO will disseminate this memo locally to G-2, ONI, and OSI. b7D

Additional info developed by sources of WFO will be forwarded Bureau.

No classification is being given this memo due to the public nature of the matter.

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February 20, 1962

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF)

On February 20, 1962, two sources who have furnished reliable information in the past advised that there is to be a meeting sponsored by the YAF at 7:30 p.m., on February 20, 1962, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D. C. This meeting will feature the showing of the films, "Operation Abolition" and "Operation Correction." Following this, there will be a debate on the merits of the films featuring Fulton Lewis, III, and Joseph Forer.

Joseph Forer is one of the attorneys who has recently represented the Communist Party - USA before the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D. C. In the past he has represented the Communist Party-USA before the Subversive Activities Control Board and the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C.

In September, 1959, a third informant advised that a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA had recently referred to Joseph Forer as "one of the most important communists in Washington, D. C."

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REQ. REC'D 3-14-62
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ANS. BY: [illegible]

Re: Bureau letter to New York dated 2/23/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. One copy also enclosed for NYO of above letterhead memorandum.

Enclosures also include one copy to the Bureau and one copy to New York of a leaflet distributed at a Newark SWP meeting held on 2/22/62.

Information reported was received from [redacted] by SA [redacted] on 2/28/62. It is not known at this time if any SWP members will attend the demonstration against the YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM on 3/7/62.

Sources used to characterize Newark SWP are: [redacted] New York (by request) and [redacted]

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF)

On February 28, 1962, a source advised that at a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) meeting held in Newark, New Jersey on February 22, 1962, a leaflet entitled, "Protest! Against Mobilization of the Ultra-Right" was passed out. The leaflet called for a demonstration against the Young Americans For Freedom at 6:30 P.M. on March 7, 1962 when the YAF holds a rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City, New York.

The leaflet invited "all youth, civil rights, civil liberties, Labor and peace organizations, regardless of program and approach" to attend the demonstration outside Madison Square Garden. The leaflet was issued by the Youth Organizing Committee against the Ultra-Right Rally, 244 East 46th Street, Second Floor, New York City, New York.

A source advised on October 14, 1960, that the Newark Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was founded in 1938.

Another source advised on May 25, 1961, that the Newark Branch of the SWP is affiliated with and follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PROTEST!
AGAINST MOBILIZATION OF THE ULTRA-RIGHT

The so-called "Young Americans for Freedom" (YAF) is planning a rally March 7 at Madison Square Garden as a display of strength of the ultra-right -- those who clamor for "preventive" war and nuclear catastrophe, those who oppose the Afro-American struggle for equality, those who support "right-to-work" laws and other anti-labor measures, those who would destroy civil liberties, academic freedom and the Bill of Rights.

The YAF has invited to their meeting some of the most reactionary men in public life -- Senator Thomas Dodd, David Lawrence, General Edwin Walker, Senator Barry Goldwater, Senator John Tower and Katanga President Moise Tshombe.

Why has such an event been planned? Thousands of young Americans are courageously participating in Freedom Rides, Sit-ins, Ban-the-Ban demonstrations, peace movements, civil liberties groups. The ultra-right wants to intimidate these youth involved in democratic actions. They want to promote conformity, militarism and racism throughout the country. They have rented Madison Square Garden to see how far they can go!

Everyone has the right to freedom of speech and assembly. And those who stand against the aims of the ultra-right should also assemble to show that they will not be intimidated by reactionary hysteria.

A mass demonstration at Madison Square Garden on March 7 will dramatically expose the pretensions and counter the aims of the ultra-right. We call for a

PROTEST PICKET LINE
OUTSIDE MADISON SQ. GARDEN
MARCH 7, 6:30 P.M.

All youth, civil rights, civil liberties, labor and peace organizations, regardless of program and approach, are urged to join this protest!

Issued by: Youth Organizing Committee Against the Ultra-Right Rally.
244 East 46th Street, 2nd Fl., NYC. Phone: YUkon 6-5939

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - [redacted]

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Date: March 7, 1962

To: Acting Administrator
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

This will confirm information furnished to [redacted] African Affairs, by Special Agent [redacted] on March 6, 1962.

The Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) will hold a rally March 7, 1962, at Madison Square Garden, New York City, New York, the purpose of which is to present annual awards to those who have helped conservatism and anticommunism. The following individuals are expected to be among those who will address the rally: Senator Barry Goldwater, who will be the principal speaker, Senator John G. Tower, Senator Strom Thurmond, Representative Donald C. Bruce and former President Herbert Hoover.

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The YAF was established at a national conference of conservative student and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, September 9-11, 1960. This conference issued the "Sharon Statement," adopted by the YAF, which states in part that the forces of international communism are the greatest single threat to constitutional liberties and that the United States should stress victory over, rather than co-existence with, the communist menace. No information has been received indicating that the YAF is infiltrated, dominated or controlled by subversive groups.

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[redacted] contacted Assistant Director Evans on March 5, 1962, concerning the YAF. Information furnished Ford was contained in New York airtel dated March 5, 1962, concerning the YAF rally. Information has previously been disseminated to the State Department concerning the YAF

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rally inasmuch as President Moise Tshombe of the Congo's Katanga Province had been invited to attend the rally but the State Department denied Tshombe a visa. Information concerning this rally has also been disseminated to the Department and intelligence agencies of the armed forces.

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New York

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Dear Sir;

I am attending Long Island University here in New York. I b7C am of conservative political views and extremely dedicated to the right against communism --thus I have heard much of an organization, seemingly conservative and extremely anti-communist, called the Young Americans for Freedom. After much thought and reading on communism and subversion, including The Masters of Deceit, I feel that perhaps I should support this organization opposed to communism. I realize, however, how dangerous a signature in a seemingly just and patriotic organization can actually be, thererore, I am at a quandry as to seek membership or not. I would like your opinion of this organization before I join. I would not want to be guilty or joining an organization that was hostile to my country's highest good. From the surface I find myelf in agreement with the Y.A.F.F. in their right against communism but my membership will be depending on your reply to my letter.

I realize how extremely busy you are but I am sure you will consider the interest of a loyal, patriotic, American student who wants to help in the right against communism and subversion, and spare me a few moments to answer my letter. REC-72 100-434516-

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1962, has been received, and your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general topic of communism which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's Speech "The Courage of Free Men"

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. "Young Americans For Freedom" organization has been brought to our attention in the past.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144505)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum. b7C

The source mentioned in the enclosed memorandum b7D is [redacted]

The sources used in the characterization of the FPCC in the order mentioned are: [redacted]

The enclosed memorandum is classified "Confidential" since it contains information furnished by sources of continuing value, disclosure of whose identities could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests.

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Re: Young Americans for Freedom
Information Concerning
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On March 2, 1962, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who received his information from another source he termed reliable, but whose identity he did not wish to disclose, advised that [redacted] Liberation Committee for Africa, 244 East 46th Street, New York City, had stated, on February 28, 1962, that he had printed several thousand handbills bearing the identification of Youth Organizing Committee Against the Ultra-Right Rally, 244 East 46th Street, New York City.

According to [redacted] this handbill was printed and distributed as an appeal to all Negroes in New York City and all others "regardless of program and approach" to participate in a protest picket line at Madison Square Garden, New York City, at 6:30 p.m. on March 7, 1962, against the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) rally to be held at Madison Square Garden on that date. b7C

[redacted] made the statement that he had expected several hundred people to participate in this picket line but stated that since the news of the non-appearance of Moishe Tshombe, Katanga leader, many Negroes had lost interest in participation in the picketing.

The above source further advised that [redacted] Information Bureau, Republic of Congo (Leopoldville), 244 East 46th Street, New York City, had stated that the Liberation Committee for Africa and the Republic of Congo were "working together in helping the Negroes in New York City to be with us and to work with us for the liberation of all Africa".

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The source stated that the Liberation Committee for Africa has used as a mailing address Post Office Box 303, Cathedral Station, New York City.

A characterization of the Liberation Committee for Africa is attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

Re: Young Americans
for Freedom
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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained $3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about $1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times".

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The above sources have furnished reliable information in the past.

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APPENDIX CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Young Americans for Freedom
Information Concerning
(Internal Security)

According to "The New York Times" of March 1, 1961, this organization is headed by Daniel H. Watts, 37, an architect, as President, and Richard Gibson, a graduate student and former radio news writer, as Secretary. Mr. Watts claims a nationwide membership of 400, mostly Negro, aiming to aid "African freedom fighters" and promote awareness of a common heritage of Afro-Americans and Africans".

Mr. Watts has been the Executive Secretary of a Council for Advancement of the Negro in Architecture, and Mr. Gibson is the New York Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Watts stated, "We have nothing to do with Communists". This group uses a mail address of Post Office Box 303, Cathedral Station, New York City.

Mr. A. H. Belmont

March 7, 1962

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AGAINST THE ULTRA-RIGHT RALLY
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The Fulton Lewis, Jr., column appearing in the "New York Mirror" March 7, 1962, contained information indicating that a meeting was held "the other night" of representatives of the Young Democrats, the Communist Party and Black Nationalist groups. This meeting was held in the office of Daniel H. Watts, leader of the Liberation Committee for Africa. The Director asked "Did we know of this meeting? H."

While we did not know that this meeting was going to be held, we have been aware of the activities of the Youth Organizing Committee Against the Ultra-Right Rally since New York furnished us information on February 9, 1962, concerning it and the program being carried out by this group. We have also been aware that the Communist Party front group, Advance, the Black Muslims and Negro nationalist groups including the Liberation Committee for Africa were the organizations connected with the committee. New York has kept us advised of the programs laid down at meetings of this committee and has been closely following the activities of the group in implementing its programs. Information concerning the participation of the Americans for Democratic Action and Young Democrats has also been furnished by the New York Office.

Information received indicated that the committee was originally formed to protest the appearance of Moise Tshombe, President of the Congo's Katanga Province, as the main speaker at the Young Americans for Freedom rally being held at Madison Square Garden in New York City on March 7, 1962. Since Tshombe has not been granted a visa to visit the United States, many of the individuals have lost interest in participating in the picketing.

Information concerning the Young Americans for Freedom rally and the picketing of this rally has been furnished to the Department, State, and Armed Forces intelligence agencies.

ACTION:

This is for information.

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U.S. DEMOCRACY— The Need To Defend It

OSSI LATHI

There are at present a large number of extreme right-wing organizations operating in the U.S. with an alarming number of young people participating. The "Young Americans for Freedom" claiming 260 college and other chapters throughout the country, are planning a "Rally for World Liberation from Communism", where they will honour President Moise Tshombe, the pro-fascist puppet of imperialism in the Congo. Tshombe in the meanwhile has been leading a war against the U.N. troops in the Congo. The destruction of the United Nations Organization is the ulterior motive of the so-called "Young Americans for Freedom".

The most publicized and probably the largest, is the John Birch Society, a cloak and dagger pro-fascist organization named after a young anti-communist missionary killed fighting the Chinese revolutionary forces.

Then there are the "Minutemen", who train secretly for guerrilla warfare against a supposed Russian invasion! This lie is spread to shield their true reason for existence which is to put down any democratic movements of the people when necessary.

However, the most militant of many fascist and pro-fascist groups is the American Nazi Party. Following in the bloody footsteps of Hitlerites, they openly advocate executing 90 per cent of the American Jewish population and cynically say, "We'll have plenty of use for gas chambers." In their headquarters is the slogan: "The Jews are through in 72" (1972). Much the same attitude exists in the American Nazi Party towards Negroes. George Lincoln Rockwell, fuehrer of the American nazis, brags about their influence and activities and boasts of organizational and propaganda successes in Canada.

DEMOCRACY NEEDS DEFENDING

In every period when attempts were made to destroy democracy, courageous men and women rose to defend it. Such men as Thomas Jefferson, refused to bow to the vicious Alien and Sedition Acts—1798. Abraham Lincoln and others condemned the war against Mexico in 1848 and the Dred Scott Court decision of 1857, which would have broadened the scope of slavery. Again in 1921 democrats and patriots denounced the Palmer Raids allegedly aimed at progressives. Today young and old Negroes with their white companions, "sit-in", "kneel-in", "stand-in", "walk-in", defending their constitutional rights as Americans. Pete Seeger's banjo rings out and every note defends the American Bill of Rights while exposing the fascist-minded House Un-American Activities Committee. Ethel and Julius Rosenberg went to their deaths protecting that which is just in America. Innocent Morton Sobell sits in prison defending American democracy.

HOW AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IS BEING DESTROYED

The Internal Security Act (McCarran) was passed Sept. 23rd, 1950, at the height of the cold war hysteria and McCarthyite terror. It was a weapon aimed at the Communist Party and other progressive organizations. It was based on similar Bills, (Mund-Nixon tabled in U.S. Congress in 1948), and carried an amendment (Section 2) of the Communist Activities Control Act, (1954).

The Communist Party of the United States of America, the most consistent and staunch defender of democracy and the American Constitution has been waging a struggle against this law for 11 years, appealing twice to the Supreme Court to declare the McCarran Act unconstitutional.

The rejection of these appeals means the CPSUA must register as "a communist action organization." The penalty for not doing so is fine of $10,000.00 *FOR EACH DAY IT DOES NOT REGISTER.* If the Party as an organization fails to register, its officers must do so within 30 days. The penalty for failure to do so is $10,000.00 fine and 5 years in prison for *each day of non-compliance.* If officers do not register then individual members are ordered to register within 60 days or face the same inhuman penalties.

It should be pointed out that the McCarran Act does not apply to the CPUSA alone. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. has threatened to cite more organizations. Senator Olin Johnstone has urged that this law apply to all those fighting for the rights of American Negroes, such as the freedom riders, and all those Americans opposing US. intervention in Cuba.

Therefore it is plain to see that the CPUSA in refusing to register, at the risk of severe penalties, is not only defending its own rights, but is defending the constitutional rights of all Americans.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Immediately after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, a petition signed by 322 prominent Americans including, 90 clergymen and rabbis, 70 professors and teachers, 30 lawyers, writers and editors, 17 doctors and nine artists urged President Kennedy to order the Attorney-General to renounce the demand that the party register. We urge Canadians (individuals or organizations) to write or wire.

Mr. Robert Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States of America, Washington, D.C. U.S.A.



U.S. DEMOCRACY—SOUTHERN BRAND

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"He Roars For Clemson College"

CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

March 6, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

Recently, here at Clemson College, we have had a campus-wide heated discussion of the Young Americans for Freedom. We would greatly appreciate you opinion of this organization and any material available concerning its activities.

Thank you for any consideration you may give to Clemson's request.

Respectfully,

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Clemson, South Carolina

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